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This data book presents findings of the Kids Count project on current conditions faced by Louisiana children ages birth to 19 years of age. Data is presented in a table format by individual indicator for each of the parishes, and is further broken down by race. The first subject area addresses poverty and statistics on children receiving AFDC, Food Stamps, WIC, and Child Care Assistance. The second area examines births to teens, low birthweight babies, prenatal care, the infant mortality rate, immunizations, and rate of violent deaths. The third area examines crime cases of assault and battery, burglary, drugs, status offenses, theft, property crimes, and crimes against persons. The fourth area of study is child physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and children placed in foster care. The fifth area of study is public education and includes registration, per pupil expenditures, teacher salary, and dropout rates. The final section shows statistics on child support. The report ends with state summary tables for the following indicators: foster care, food stamps, child abuse and neglect, children receiving AFDC, low birthweight babies, births to women under 19, infant mortality rates, prenatal care, and live births. The report shows that one in three of all children, and one in two of African American children, in Louisiana lives in poverty. (SD)

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“If I had an opportunity to speak to the world leaders I think at first I would not speak at all. Instead I would take with me a new born baby deep in sleep. I would walk before each of them so they could see the baby breathe a breath or two.

Then I would say, ‘You have just looked into the face of peace. Leaders of today’s world, when you plan your budget for world hunger, please be sure this baby has enough to eat. When you make your bombs which blow up, and maim, and kill, please rearrange them so none of them hurt this baby. When you discuss your problems do it softly so you will not wake this baby. When you sell your wares, buy your weapons, think of this child’s perfect face and remember to keep it unscratched. When you imprison your enemies and cage them remember this child’s easy motions. Then ask yourself why any mother’s child should be less free than this child.’

Then when one of the leaders would ask me as I’m sure one of them would, ‘Who is this child who deserves such consideration?’ I’d turn to them and say: ‘This child is Irish, sir, a little child from Belfast. No, the child is from Lebanon, his family was massacred. No, this child is a Black child from a burned down tenement in the Bronx. No, a Third World baby whose country I do not know. No, sir, this is your baby and your baby’s baby and forever on. This child is the past and this child is the present. You will decide if this child is the future.’”

Written by a teenager
participating in the World Peace
Essay contest as quoted in:

International Year of the Youth
Final Report, September 13-15, 1983
U.N. Headquarters, New York, N.Y.
Sharif, Mohammad
Executive Secretary

Olayeela Daste and I have
worked together since 1974.
These are our grandbabies on
the front cover. Our realities are
different. She’s African

American and struggles to survive in a world of racism. I live in
a world of white privilege. But there are similarities too. We’ve
watched each others’ children grow up and now we look forward
to the same with their children.

We have a similar vision for these babies and all babies. It’s a
vision of a world of kindness, community, and opportunity. We
want these babies to feel as safe and secure in the years ahead as
they were on that grassy space in the sunshine a few weeks ago.
We want all babies to be that safe and secure. We want these babies
to grow up strong and capable and free to believe that success is
within their reach. We want that for all babies. Our sense is that
you want the same. The challenge is to figure out how we get there,
together.

Spadey Watts



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The Year in Perspective

It's been a strange year for Agenda for Children. In April, our name appeared as the local contact on a full page newspaper ad about issues being debated in Congress and their impact on Louisiana's children. The ad included pictures of children, with state specific projections of federal cuts based on figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Our phone number was given to call for more information. We were ready for an influx of calls. But we weren't ready for the type of calls that came- 40 calls in two days, ranging from hostile to furious. People called us names, challenged our perspective, and accused us of lying. Though nobody could refute the facts and figures that were printed, they held fast to their anger. We hold fast to the facts.

We have seen public policy responses to the facts about the children and families of our state and nation emerge seemingly from a belief that if we can manage to make poverty even more difficult, families will give it up. We have watched the erosion of supports for the working poor while listening to the rhetoric of those who would force yet more parents into the low wage workforce without adequate care for their children. We asked Louisiana lawmakers to commit to maintaining an investment in children and families, but they refused. It's been a very strange year.

The facts are now in for our fourth year of publishing the Data Book on Louisiana's Children. Put altogether, the numbers still paint a bleak picture. Yes, there have been good efforts and some successes, but not enough. We can do better. That's a fact that we choose to accept, on your behalf as well as our own, as a challenge.

If we are to collectively take up the challenge of reversing the direction of the statistics that describe Louisiana's children, we will need to get beyond argument and rhetoric, anger and blame. We will need to acknowledge the realities, and see what we can agree on.

As a start, can we agree that a combination of personal and collective responsibility is needed to move Louisiana's children into a future that offers opportunity, security, and stability? Can we agree that across the lines of race, family income, and parish boundaries, the futures of your children and mine are connected? Can we agree that the challenge of building a better future for the children of this state and nation is the most critical issue we face? Then we must look, listen, and learn and we must plan and act accordingly.

We begin by listening to, and learning from the voices of children and their families. We must listen to a young college student with a tiny baby who is forced to drop out of school because she can't afford child care. We can learn a lot by listening to this young woman with great promise who, with access to affordable child care, will proceed to graduate and move on to a career. Without that small investment, her future and her baby's is bleak.

We can also learn from listening to the resident leader from public housing who volunteers her time to improve housing and youth programming in her community for her own children and those of her neighbors. "My people want to work," she says. "We just need jobs, and we need to be able to get child care and health care."

We can learn from a group of African American men, many of them fathers, who have come together collectively to build lives of responsibility and self-sufficiency. Even though many have skills, the doors of permanent employment at decent wages are closed to them.

In the current political landscape the Federal "safety net," created to supply the most basic resources to families and children, is at risk of being unraveled. This is not the first time supports for poor and working poor families have been attacked. For two centuries, critics calling themselves reformers have mobilized political support by attacking public assistance. Since the invention of the idea of aid to families in medieval Europe, and throughout its history in the United States, "poor

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relief" has been used not only to relieve human suffering but also to pacify people when desperation to feed, house, and clothe their families brought them to the streets in protest. Inevitably, aid is rolled back when the need to force people to accept low wage jobs begins to outweigh corporate and government fear of civil unrest (Piven and Cloward, [1971] 1993). As real wages are frozen at the lowest possible levels for families across income levels, those in the middle class perceive that it is poor families on public assistance who are causing everyone's economic situation to become tighter. The rhetoric does its damage when getting parents into minimum wage jobs becomes a higher priority than making the investment necessary for them to earn a living wage.

The Facts on Poverty and Public Assistance

For all the sensation they have generated lately, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamps, two of the largest programs that serve the poor, account for only 2.5% of the federal budget (Budget of the U.S., 1995; 1994 Green Book). In Louisiana, AFDC costs take up less than one half of one percent of state revenue (La. Dept. of Social Services, 1994).

These expenditures do not lift families out of poverty. A parent with one child on AFDC receives \$138 per month in Louisiana.

For a family of three, the family income is \$190. Adding Food Stamps, the family income rises to only half of a poverty level income. Nor do these expenditures amount to a huge burden on taxpayers. In fact, the average family earning \$50,000 a year contributes less than \$2 per day (\$615 per year) to help support all federal programs that benefit poor people, including the elderly and disabled poor (Topolnicki, 1995). At the state level the average taxpayer contributes only \$22 per year to support AFDC (La. Dept. of Revenue and Taxation, 1994).

Families do not choose AFDC as a way of life. For most, it is a short term solution when there is no work to be found, or the costs of child care eat up the paycheck, or a medical emergency results in the crash of a

carefully balanced family economy. Low wage work does not lift a family out of poverty either. A full-time minimum-wage worker with a family of four will not even reach two-thirds of the poverty level (Economic Report of the President, 1994). Many parents in America work hard but still stay poor. Since 1980, the number of people working full-time but still living in poverty has increased by 50%, while average hourly earnings in private industry have fallen by 14.6% since 1973, and are now at their lowest since 1968 (Handler and Hasenfeld, 1995).

The bottom line in Louisiana is that 1 in 3 of all, children and 1 in 2 African American children live in poverty. These facts about poverty, work, and welfare in Louisiana press hardest on African American families and are the reality that young men organizing their community to build a better life for themselves and their children point to when they say "Stop economic racism."

Persistent poverty underlies many if not most of the ills described in the statistics on Louisiana's children and families. Health care may be a difficult problem for all of us, but it's substantially more difficult to find with no means to pay for it. The same is true of child care, housing, and all the other things it takes to raise a family. Moving our children successfully through adolescence poses challenges for those with plentiful resources, but it is even more daunting for those whose teens have no clear vision of a successful, productive future ahead of them. Even child abuse, and certainly child neglect, ties in some measure to poverty as healthy families succumb to the extraordinary stress and desperation of not having nearly enough to get by.

We can do better.

The Mission of Agenda For Children

The challenge is to listen to those directly affected by social and economic crisis as well as those who develop political and social policy.



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Then we can come together in the context of the larger community on some common agreements that help gather the collective will to plan, allocate resources, monitor and evaluate the appropriate supports for families to realize their potential.

The mission of Agenda for Children is to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive. Ours is a living, working mission that calls us...

I. To act in ways that combat racism and other forms of oppression

Today, working with those directly affected by social and economic crisis means confronting the evidence of institutional racism. It means learning to listen with culturally sensitive ears and to respect indigenous leadership. It means measuring the presence of racism not by overt intentions, but by actual results of policies on individuals, families, and communities of color.

Read the actual results in the statistics contained in this book. If African American children in Louisiana faced the same odds as white children in the state: 191,533 fewer would live in poverty, 231 fewer would die before their first birthday, 7,080 fewer babies would be born to mothers who did not receive adequate prenatal care, and 2,205 fewer would live in foster care.

Institutional racism also exists in policies and decisions that ignore the strengths of low income African American families in Louisiana. Despite the ways that the social and economic climate of these times continues to divert resources from African American communities, most African American children still survive and even thrive in the context of love and support their families provide. Once we understand that the systems which are supposed to be lifting children up are not working for African American children, we can see the importance of the leadership of these families in defining the problems and the solutions.

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II. To ensure that the basic needs of children and families are met

Under ordinary circumstances middle income families are able to provide sufficiently for basic needs, although emergencies such as a major health problem or non-payment of child support from an absent parent can propel many of them into less stable straits. For single-parent families, consistent, increased child support collections can provide some financial stability. Child support collections have increased slightly, with collections established in 42% of cases in fiscal year 1995, compared to 40% in fiscal year 1991. Tougher collection laws hold promise for collecting more of what is owed to children, but limitations such as inadequate computer tracking systems and the slow pace at which collection orders are established threatens the well-being of thousands of Louisiana kids.

For low to middle income working families, there is support for their efforts through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). 450,374 families in this state benefitted from the EITC last year, which helped them bridge the gap between low wages and what is needed to support a family.

Working poor and out of work parents face daily difficulties. In fact, working poor and out of work parents are basically interchangeable, given the difficulty of maintaining a low wage job while providing for the daily needs and demands of a family. People often find themselves slipping back and forth between jobs and joblessness, between meeting basic needs and seeing their children go without. The national reality is that 60% of all women on AFDC will leave the rolls for work within the first year. 40% of these will return to the rolls, because low-wage employment results in the loss of health care for their children and a constant struggle to access affordable quality child care (Handler and Hasenfeld, 1995).

Can we agree that it doesn't make sense to force parents into the workplace until that arena offers them the capacity to provide for the

basic needs of themselves and their children? If so, can we agree on what that will take? We suggest:

Jobs: Jobs with decent wages need to be accessible to all parents. To be effective, these jobs must be within realistic distances from home and within realistic skill levels, supported by training and education, with reasonable and predictable hours. Benefits must, at a minimum, include sick leave for parents' and children's illness. And finally, jobs must offer some level of permanency.

Child care: Most families can't afford it on low wages. Relying on friends and family members is impossible for many, and unreliable for most of the rest. Affordable, quality child care must be available for all working parents at the hours and days when work is available.

Health care: Working poor parents are forced to sit up all night in emergency rooms for their children's minor illness. Minor illnesses become major, and more costly in human as well as economic terms, while parents try to avoid missing work. Teachers and caregivers are forced to make decisions about sending sick children home, knowing Mom might lose her job. The national debate around health care must begin to focus on making the system work for those who need it, rather than catering first to the interests of the institutions that provide it.

Housing: This is a bottom line. It's difficult to focus on work if the plumbing backs up every night, lead paint chips are flaking off the walls, the refrigerator has been broken for six weeks, and you and your 2 children share one bedroom. Decent, safe, and sanitary housing must be accessible to all families.

Can we agree that as long as the world of work cannot offer a parent the means to provide for the basic needs of her children, it is heartless to demand that she enter it? Can we agree that quality child care, health care and housing allows families to work and remain financially independent?

III. To ensure that our children are nurtured and well taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence

Can we agree that homes and child care centers and schools and communities must be developed in ways that nurture and teach our children and youth? If so, can we arrive at some common understandings? These are some things that we understand:

Louisiana's fragmented child care and early education system is set up to fail, and the wonder is that so many programs and classrooms somehow succeed despite the barriers set up against them.

Out of home child care and early education takes place in four main settings:

1) Licensed child care centers- These come in many varieties, large and small, for profit and non-profit, "stand alone" or programs of larger institutions.

2) Family child care homes: This is where someone provides care in her own home for fewer than seven children, largely informal and unregulated.

3) Head Start: These are federally operated, with community based management, comprehensive services, and a mandate for parent involvement.

4) Schools: These are preschool classrooms for four year olds and sometimes three year olds. They operate on a school-day, school year schedule.

Let's look at child care centers and family child care homes, for the most part the only settings available to children under three years of age. The most common fee is \$55 per week for babies and \$50 per week for children over two years of age. At that rate, a parent with only one child, working at, say \$6 per hour, pays over 20% of her gross income on child care fees. A provider caring for 5 babies in her home grosses \$14,300





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a year, assuming that every slot is filled and paid for every day. Out of that she must get a salary, plus costs of equipment and supplies, food, an occasional substitute, taxes, and sometimes transportation. What's more, providing properly for the nurture and guidance of five babies takes more than one caregiver.

Some help is available. Federal and state child care assistance funds assist some low income families with the fees, but the current wait for this assistance in Louisiana is 9 months and the waiting list has 4,233 families on it. Some caregivers may receive assistance with the cost of food from the federal Child Care Food Program, but this funding source—like the other—falls short of the real need.

Head Start centers and school-based preschool programs do better since they have a more stable public funding base. However, there are waiting lists for these programs in most areas of the state, and working parents usually need to make other child care arrangements for hours and days beyond the school-day/year schedule.

In virtually every discussion about solving the problems plaguing children and youth, education plays a deservedly prominent role. Quality child care and early education are the basis for success in later years. After more than a decade of following children enrolled in a quality pre school program, one study found significantly better outcomes for these children than for their peers who did not have such an opportunity (Schweinhart and Weikart, 1993). Given this knowledge, there is no good moral or financial justification for our kids to be on waiting lists rather than in classrooms. Nor can we justify warehousing young children in under-funded programs. Sacrificing children's healthy development and early learning at the altar of family self sufficiency won't pay off in the short term or long term.

When students are in classrooms they need skilled, attentive teachers who guide them and have high expectations for their success. We need to assume success for every child, regardless of race or socio-economic

background. Children's success in school hinges on our attitudes toward them, how we track them, how much time we invest in their schooling as teachers, parents, and mentors. It also hinges on our financial investment.

Despite the fact that many people talk about the importance of quality education for all children, we are inconsistent in our financial support for schools. In Louisiana, per pupil spending ranges from a high of \$6,335 in Cameron Parish to a low of \$2,845 in Acadia Parish. Teachers' salaries range from a high average of \$28,178 in Caddo Parish to a low average of \$19,199 in Red River Parish. Overall, Louisiana ranks 37th in the nation for spending on educating our children and 48th in what we pay the people responsible for doing it.

School dropout figures also appear in this book. 12,128 children dropped out of Louisiana schools last year. Schools with high percentages of dropouts tend to have low average test scores and low attendance (Louisiana Progress Profiles, 1993). Also, the larger the school, the higher the dropout rate tends to be. Children who drop out of school will face much greater difficulty in the labor force than their peers who graduate. It is worth noting that the number of dropouts reported here is an "event rate" which means it is a count only of students who drop out in a given year. If we were to look at cumulative numbers based on the proportion of 16-19 year olds who are not enrolled in school, for

instance, the number would be even higher.

We understand that the primary arena for a child's nurture and care and even learning has always been and continues to be the home. But parents of today's children and at this rate tomorrow's children, find their capacity eroded by the stresses of poverty, the violence of racism, and the erosion of stable communities and institutions.

IV. To ensure that children are protected from harm

Can we agree that if our children are to thrive, they must first be

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protected from harm? If so, can we also agree that long term solutions to violence in communities and abuse in the home must reach past punishment toward protection?

The good news is that most of our children are protected from the direct impact of violence and abuse. The bad news is that the number of those who are not safe is increasing, and the indirect impact of the violence that children witness has a profound effect on their capacity to feel safe and secure and optimistic about a future that's worth preparing for.

The number of children known to have been abused or neglected was 14,795 in fiscal year 1995. And this figure reveals only part of the problem, for many cases of abuse never enter the formal child protection system.

13,657 children entered the juvenile justice system in fiscal year 1995, up from 12,481 in 1992. Some of their crimes were minor infractions - status offenses which don't represent an immediate threat for either the child or the community. But many of the children reflected in that figure are headed down a path of self-destruction, and they are sometimes taking others with them.

Why would a young man who truly does not expect to live to enjoy his 21st birthday be motivated to study hard and stay in school? Why would a young woman who receives demeaning messages from all sides throughout her life be likely to delay child-bearing for the prospect of a rewarding future?

In many ways the long term solutions to violence and abuse must be directed by communities determined to offer nurture and guidance for their children and opportunities for their youth. Many troubled families can be healed through the efforts of community based family preservation programs, yet we support only a sprinkling of such programs while investing substantially in institutional care. Community based foster care, as yet untried in Louisiana, keeps children in their own communities, offering parents the opportunity to maintain a relationship with their

children while they rebuild their capacity to be successful parents.

There is no state system of resources for youth development in Louisiana, and the isolated programs that do exist, often with private funds, primarily address youth from a deficit approach. We have teen pregnancy prevention programs, dropout prevention programs, drug prevention programs, and violence prevention programs. Without undermining the importance of prevention, can we also have a commitment to a statewide network of community-based youth programs, rooted in the exciting potential of the adolescent and teen years instead of the pitfalls?

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It's no secret that young people who have a place to go and something to do in the evening hours are less likely to become teen parents. It's no secret that young people who have the support and encouragement they need to pursue interests and talents are less likely to experiment with drugs. It's no secret that young people who feel excited about their own potential are less likely to give way to rage and violence. We do know what to do. What's lacking is the will to do it.

The Challenge

Most of you will agree with the principles of our mission. But, many of you will say, "We just can't afford it." Our response, of course, is that we can't afford not to. We can take our charge from the commitment of a responsible parent who knows that some things have to wait. We admire the mother who avoids the temptation of new clothes because she knows she needs that money to take the children to the dentist. We honor the father who regularly takes out the first portion of his check to pay child support and gives up a weekend vacation to take the children on an outing. We appreciate the grandparents who forego a new car in favor of setting aside money to help with child care and school expenses.

We can be that kind of a state. We can explain that we have to cut back on industrial tax exemptions because we have to invest in our schools.



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We can re-direct dollars from over-stuffed contracts to develop opportunities for our youth. We can control costs and eliminate fraud in institutions providing health care so that funds are used to keep more children healthy. We can choose to create more equitable personal tax policies because we have to strengthen the capacity of families to lift themselves out of poverty.

There are also ways that we can do better with what we have and what we commit. Our fragmented service delivery systems could be woven together in ways that truly resemble a safety net instead of the obstacle course created by a series of unrelated application forms. Cost effective home based care and family support can often replace the major expenditures of institutional care. Dollars spent on prevention and intervention can reduce big budget items like prisons, foster care, and neonatal intensive care. The relatively new and innovative Families in Need of Services (FINS) program attached to juvenile and district courts statewide is a good example of an effort to reach young people at the first sign of problems.

Can we agree, finally, that the over-representation of African American children at the negative ends of the indicators of child well-being cannot be written off as a glitch? Then let's come together collectively in an earnest effort to identify the ways racism works in our institutions and begin to root it out and repair the damage. We cannot dismantle racism individually because we didn't create it individually. Ignoring it will not make it go away and talking about it will not make it worse. And we can't make the statistics better unless we pay attention to what's happening at the bottom ends.

There is a set of principles known as the Nguzo Saba, which were compiled by Ron Karenga to guide African Americans toward a values-based way of life. The Nguzo Saba speaks to values we can all embrace: unity, self determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. We would like to end this preface and begin the work ahead with the words customarily used to

close the unity circle at which the Nguzo Saba is spoken, "The future is open! We must decide!"

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Agenda for Children is Louisiana's statewide comprehensive child advocacy organization. Our mission is to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive, by ensuring that the basic needs of children and families are met; by ensuring that our children are nurtured and well taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence; by ensuring that children are protected from harm, and by acting in ways that combat racism and other forms of oppression. Agenda for Children compiles information on the status of children, monitors legislation and policies affecting children, and acts as a statewide network capable of generating positive change for children and families. Agenda for Children is a private, non-profit organization supported by individual and corporate memberships, foundation grants, and contracts.

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children in Louisiana

	White	African American	TOTAL includes all races
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			4,315,085
Under 20 (1992)	818,251	523,393	1,366,579
Under 5 (1992)	200,124	134,009	340,448
POVERTY & INCOME (1990 Census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	15.4	56.5	31.4
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	16.1	60.3	33.5
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 18	53,549	108,556	163,933
% Female Householder Families with Children under 18 in Poverty	36.9	71.4	60.1
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 5	8,085	16,296	24,685
% Female Householder Families with Children under 5 in Poverty	46.6	73.2	73.7
Median Family Income (1994)			\$25,676
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995):			
AFDC			173,825
Average AFDC Household Size			3.04
Average AFDC Monthly Payment			\$159.70
Food Stamps			342,035
Average Food Stamps Household Size			2.7
Average Food Stamps Monthly Coupons			\$194.36
WIC			99,118
Medicaid			368,223
Child Care Assistance			7,533
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			4,233
Earned Income Tax Credit (# of families, 1994)			450,374
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Live Births	38,341	29,626	69,328
% Births to Women < 19	12.8	26.7	18.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.2	13.7	9.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	80.6	56.7	70.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 births)	7.7	15.5	10.9
% Up-To-Date Immunization (Public Clinics, 1994)			69.1
% Children without Health Insurance			22.2
Child Death Rate (rate per 1,000, 1992)	30.7	49.2	37.7
Teen Violent Death Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)	87.9	125.3	100



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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (cont.)

Teen Suicide Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)	17.1	6.8	13.1
Teen Accident Death Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)	64.5	39.4	53.8
Teen Homicide Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)	6.3	79.1	33.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery	3,782	9,675	13,657
Burglary			1,958
Drugs			2,134
Theft			1,423
Homicide			2,626
Robbery			184
Sex Crimes			575
Status Offenses			277
Weapons			1,114
Other Property Crimes			633
Other Crimes Against Persons			1,110
			535

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	6,138	8,227	14,795
Physical Abuse			3,296
Neglect			9,729
Sexual Abuse			1,065
Children in Foster Care	1,816	4,024	5,981

PUBLIC EDUCATION 1993-94 school year

Registration			771,372
Per Pupil Expenditures (average)			\$4,160
Teacher Salary (average)			\$26,285
Dropouts			12,128

CHILD SUPPORT (fiscal year 1995)

Number of Cases			280,985
% of Cases with Collection			42.3
Amount Owed	31	32	\$162,861,039
Amount Paid			\$132,046,923

children in the parishes

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children in Acadia Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

14,901
3,657

African American

4,394
1,148

TOTAL
(includes all races)

56,855
19,342
4,816

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

25.9
26.1

76.4
75.8

37.1
38.0

POVERTY - CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,289
5,014
752
42
35

STATISTICAL CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

669
17.5
6.0
71.9
11.2

247
31.6
13.7
48.8
16.5

918
21.2
8.0
65.7
12.6
50.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

63

121

184
27
35
30
20
20
18
24

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

189

104

294
68
190
30
84

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

10,731
\$2,845
\$22,912
72



children in the parishes



children in Allen Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

5,160

1,756

23,322

1,242

448

7,026

1,708

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

26.1

61.3

36.0

23.9

69.8

36.2

POORLY CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

658

1,531

1,014

16

8

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

246

86

337

19.1

29.1

21.7

6.8

10.9

7.8

68.8

47.7

63.0

4.7

9.3

6.4

80.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

67

57

124

16

32

7

25

13

21

10

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

81

39

122

22

89

3

56

15

40

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

4,440

\$4,139

\$23,776

40

children in Ascension Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			63,885
Under 20 (1992)	15,024	6,029	21,159
Under 5 (1992)	3,565	1,564	5,160
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	10.1	54.3	22.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	11.6	51.5	23.2
POVERTY CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			2,220
Food Stamps			4,147
WIC			1,369
Child Care Assistance			53
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			54
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	798	322	1,123
% Births to Teens	10.3	21.7	13.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.2	13.6	8.5
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	83.3	58.7	76.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	5.0	14.8	8.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			74.3
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	76	80	158
Assault/Battery			36
Burglary			25
Drugs			16
Status Offenses			1
Theft			45
Other Property Crimes			17
Other Crimes Against Persons			18
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	57	34	95
Physical Abuse			30
Neglect			54
Sexual Abuse			9
Children in Foster Care	19	20	41
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			13,889
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,517
Teacher Salary (average)			\$26,696
Dropouts			106

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children in the parishes



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children in Assumption Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			22,678
Under 20 (1992)	4,678	2,994	7,734
Under 5 (1992)	1,109	710	1,831
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	22.1	62.9	37.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	16.1	66.4	34.6
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			851
Food Stamps			1,974
WIC			888
Child Care Assistance			17
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			6
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	193	155	349
% Births to Teens	7.8	23.2	14.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.6	13.6	9.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	76.4	75.3	75.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	10.1	13.7	11.7
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			77.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	3	10	13
Assault/Battery			2
Burglary			2
Drugs			3
Status Offenses			1
Theft			3
Other Property Crimes			2
Other Crimes Against Persons			
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	5	25	31
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,973
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,934
Teacher Salary (average)			\$24,143
Dropouts		42	5

children in Avoyelles Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			39,840
Under 20 (1992)	8,012	4,248	12,335
Under 5 (1992)	1,835	1,127	2,979
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	31.0	73.7	45.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	37.3	81.8	53.5
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,434
Food Stamps			3,566
WIC			1,544
Child Care Assistance			22
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			29
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	340	223	565
% Births to Teens	18.5	26.5	21.6
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.3	12.5	8.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	67.6	41.4	57.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.1	9.5	8.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			71.3
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	44	77	121
Assault/Battery			24
Burglary			36
Drugs			6
Status Offenses			4
Theft			17
Other Property Crimes			14
Other Crimes Against Persons			10
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	81	71	156
Physical Abuse			46
Neglect			80
Sexual Abuse			18
Children in Foster Care	17	27	45
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			7,629
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,737
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,625
Dropouts			47



children in the parishes



children in Beauregard Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

8,064

1,672

31,400

1,993

406

9,822

2,412

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

16.6

53.4

22.5

18.6

44.0

22.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

630

1,456

6,475

21

26

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

462

84

555

19.9

31.0

21.8

5.6

7.3

6.0

63.1

33.3

58.5

5.4

10.8

6.3

67.0

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

66

39

107

12

21

7

2

37

13

13

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

114

25

140

27

88

9

20

5

25

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

6,567

\$4,050

\$25,809

41

children in Bienville Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			16,086
Under 20 (1992)	2,355	2,429	4,789
Under 5 (1992)	543	646	1,190
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	25.2	55.9	40.1
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	20.9	59.3	40.8
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			717
Food Stamps			1,458
WIC			864
Child Care Assistance			11
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			6
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	106	115	222
% Births to Teens	17.9	23.5	20.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.7	13.0	9.8
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	75.5	39.5	57.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	9.5	14.7	12.4
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			83.7
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	17	39	56
Assault/Battery			7
Burglary			13
Drugs			2
Status Offenses			3
Theft			9
Other Property Crimes			6
Other Crimes Against Persons			6
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	8	10	20
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			2,927
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,694
Teacher Salary (average)			\$25,082
Dropouts			24



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Bossier Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

19,731

5,127

7,364

2,003

89,369

27,501

7,227

POVERTY (1990 Census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

11.6

15.1

51.2

58.1

22.0

26.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,836

4,540

514

112

70

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

903

10.9

5.8

85.8

6.7

423

25.3

13.1

58.8

12.6

1,347

15.3

7.9

77.2

8.3

70.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

112

88

203

15

25

10

4

18

7

27

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

106

94

216

53

132

28

100

18

76

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

16,768

\$4,221

\$24,162

106

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children in Caddo Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			246,787
Under 20 (1992)	36,017	39,882	76,423
Under 5 (1992)	8,957	10,272	19,354
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	10.3	56.9	34.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	11.1	64.3	38.8
POVERTY CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			10,777
Food Stamps			22,259
WIC			1,554
Child Care Assistance			706
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			408
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	1,676	1,985	3,699
% Births to Teens	11.8	27.7	20.3
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.1	13.9	10.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	84.1	56.4	69.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.5	15.9	11.5
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			65.3
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	80	302	382
Assault/Battery			29
Burglary			73
Drugs			34
Status Offenses			21
Theft			77
Other Property Crimes			24
Other Crimes Against Persons			124
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	207	481	697
Physical Abuse			160
Neglect			429
Sexual Abuse			39
Children in Foster Care	72	258	339
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			53,635
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,185
Teacher Salary (average)			\$28,178
Dropouts			1,508



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Calcasieu Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

38,823

15,513

173,339

9,445

3,854

54,683

13,386

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

13.7

49.3

23.5

17.0

57.4

27.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,330

9,538

4,689

335

145

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,901

889

2,812

15.9

26.0

19.0

6.9

13.5

8.9

81.3

65.6

76.3

8.5

14.9

10.4

69.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

76

128

205

34

29

16

54

27

15

30

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

527

327

872

218

547

37

58

40

100

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

33,740

\$3,959

\$25,717

370

children in Caldwell Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			10,334
Under 20 (1992)	2,378	668	3,053
Under 5 (1992)	555	152	709
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	29.0	62.1	36.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	10.9	41.4	31.7
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			324
Food Stamps			617
WIC			3,557
Child Care Assistance			8
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			6
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	96	22	118
% Births to Teens	20.8	27.3	22.0
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.4	13.3	7.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	74.5	59.1	71.6
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	14.4	7.0	12.9
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			91.9
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	2	6	8
Assault/Battery			
Burglary			6
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			
Theft			
Other Property Crimes			1
Other Crimes Against Persons			
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			•
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	5	3	8
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			2,044
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,103
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,214
Dropouts			31



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Cameron Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

2,796
709

189
52

8,912
3,000
765

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

14.9
9.4

52.1
43.6

16.4
11.0

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

97
278
741
0
0

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

94
13.8
8.4
83.9
8.7

6
33.3
11.9
16.7

100
15.0
8.6
79.8
8.1
80.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

25

26
2
5
7
3
4
4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1993)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

3

0

3

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

2,068
\$6,335
\$30,169
18

children in Catahoula Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			11,260
Under 20 (1992)	2,450	1,183	3,639
Under 5 (1992)	569	294	864
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	34.6	71.5	46.6
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	44.3	79.3	57.1
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			436
Food Stamps			943
WIC			258
Child Care Assistance			3
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			8
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	92	59	151
% Births to Teens	23.9	32.2	27.2
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.3	13.2	8.4
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	82.6	59.3	73.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.6	9.0	8.1
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			88.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	7	4	11
Assault/Battery			5
Burglary			3
Drugs			
Status Offenses			
Theft			
Other Property Crimes			3
Other Crimes Against Persons			
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	65	28	93
Physical Abuse			14
Neglect			56
Sexual Abuse			19
Children in Foster Care	8	7	15
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			2,396
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,616
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,255
Dropouts			22

60



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Claiborne Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

2,215
502

African American

2,571
670

TOTAL
(includes all races)

17,362
4,798
1,175

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

9.2
11.1

66.2
76.4

39.1
47.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

716
1,694
522
54
15

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

73
27.4
4.8
78.1

133
26.3
10.7
39.7
13.2

206
26.7
8.7
53.4
8.7
93.6

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

14

24

38
7
7
4
3
3
4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

1

12

13

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

3,067
\$4,133
\$24,464
16

61

62

children in Concordia Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			20,845
Under 20 (1992)	3,816	3,081	6,914
Under 5 (1992)	877	713	1,595
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	18.2	67.4	39.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	15.8	69.7	37.7
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			997
Food Stamps			2,035
WIC			589
Child Care Assistance			62
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			23
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	147	165	312
% Births to Teens	18.4	40.6	30.1
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.7	14.0	9.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	78.8	56.7	67.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	13.0	17.1	15.1
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			71.8
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	15	25	40
Assault/Battery			10
Burglary			13
Drugs			2
Status Offenses			
Theft			7
Other Property Crimes			2
Other Crimes Against Persons			4
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	11	12	23
Physical Abuse			7
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			7
Children in Foster Care	3	22	25
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,485
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,923
Teacher Salary (average)			\$25,783
Dropouts			13





children in the parishes

children in DeSoto Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

25,037

8,094

2,006

3,890

4,183

934

1,069

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

12.6

62.8

37.8

13.4

70.5

43.1

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,186

2,629

902

25

7

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

170

264

435

18.8

22.3

20.9

5.3

13.4

9.9

80.9

59.7

68.2

15.5

11.5

13.2

81.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

30

72

103

9

28

15

3

18

10

13

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

29

71

100

21

74

0

46

9

36

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

5,443

\$4,335

\$25,105

46

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65

children in East Baton Rouge Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			396,349
Under 20 (1992)	66,672	53,796	122,637
Under 5 (1992)	16,194	13,671	30,361

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	7.5	47.6	25.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	9.1	52.1	28.0

WELFARE - CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			14,160
Food Stamps			26,375
WIC			985
Child Care Assistance			973
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			495

BIRTHS AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	3,316	3,074	6,525
% Births to Teens	7.6	22.2	14.4
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.7	14.9	10.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	87.7	55.2	72.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.0	18.1	11.6
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			68.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	30	259	289
Assault/Battery			26
Burglary			44
Drugs			55
Status Offenses			6
Theft			51
Other Property Crimes			6
Other Crimes Against Persons			91

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	181	584	790
Physical Abuse			159
Neglect			562
Sexual Abuse			59
Children in Foster Care	75	369	454

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			48,891
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,543
Teacher Salary (average)			\$27,597
Dropouts			947



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in East Carroll Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

861
210

African American

2,844
727

TOTAL
(includes all races)

9,468
3,717
942

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

24.1
30.2

85.5
84.5

70.0
70.8

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,161
2,064
642
33
20

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

49
18.4
6.6
87.8
10.1

174
37.9
12.7
48.5
16.9

225
33.3
11.5
57.2
15.5
61.3

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

4

58

62
8
29
4
5
7
5

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

45

116

161
15
125
17
23

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

2,110
\$4,212
\$23,268
53

70

children in East Feliciana Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

2,965
717

African American

3,415
882

TOTAL
(includes all races)

20,412
6,393
1,603

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

13.8
17.2

47.9
49.6

31.6
34.2

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

847
1,693
559
12
3

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

143
11.2
6.7
78.7
8.5

158
25.3
13.2
50.0
20.0

302
18.5
10.2
63.7
14.8
88.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

23

54

77
13
19
1
17
4
15
8

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

39

43

82
25
47
2
14

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

3,643
\$3,368
\$24,083
27



children in the parishes



children in Evangeline Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

7,613
1,815

3,804
1,077

33,967
11,447
2,898

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

25.9
28.8

69.7
66.8

39.9
42.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,851
3,772
1,472
36
13

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

344
20.9
7.7
76.4
6.8

223
28.7
14.4
47.8
15.7

569
23.9
10.4
65.1
10.3
69.0

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

57

96

153
39
27
9
5
25
29
19

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

56

44

104
21
77
5
32

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

7,225
\$4,130
\$23,236
65

children in Franklin Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			22,434
Under 20 (1992)	4,246	3,078	7,349
Under 5 (1992)	947	737	1,694
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	25.6	71.8	44.3
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	26.7	72.9	46.6
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,023
Food Stamps			2,276
WIC			835
Child Care Assistance			57
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			55
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	147	140	288
% Births to Teens	21.1	36.4	28.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.1	13.5	9.6
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	77.6	54.7	66.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	13.4	25.2	18.9
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			63.8
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	12	27	39
Assault/Battery			7
Burglary			13
Drugs			5
Status Offenses			1
Theft			3
Other Property Crimes			3
Other Crimes Against Persons			5
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	15	21	38
Physical Abuse			7
Neglect			29
Sexual Abuse			2
Children in Foster Care	6	15	22
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,798
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,147
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,343
Dropouts			102



children in the parishes



children in Grant Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

4,645
1,122

African American

973
255

TOTAL
(includes all races)

17,775
5,670
1,383

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

25.5
30.0

54.7
51.2

30.5
34.0

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

560
1,452
739
21
29

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

221
21.3
8.3
68.5
12.4

42
40.5
15.8
35.7
12.5

264
24.6
9.7
63.0
12.4
69.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

43

8

51
4
18
1
7
9
10
1

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

91

14

106
23
72
6
17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

3,611
\$3,662
\$21,010
58

children in Iberia Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

14,970
3,758

8,697
2,272

70,783
24,197
6,164

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

20.6
21.0

59.1
62.6

34.8
36.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,679
6,255
1,182
164
65

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

674
14.2
6.0
76.3
6.5

562
29.7
12.1
51.2
13.1

1,258
21.3
8.4
64.6
9.2
64.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

79

162

243
35
62
20
21
40
31
27

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

102

111

217
61
124
19
53

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

15,764
\$3,943
\$24,182
185



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Iberville Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

4,578
1,106

African American

5,472
1,488

TOTAL
(includes all races)

31,018
10,075
2,598

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

18.5
16.1

50.6
51.6

35.5
35.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,552
3,079
694
62
31

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

243
18.1
7.0
85.8
4.4

323
22.0
14.6
54.2
11.4

567
20.3
11.5
67.9
8.5
84.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

9

68

77
14
21
12
11
8
11

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

24

82

107
6
94
7
59

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

5,443
\$5,220
\$30,748
22

children in Jackson Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

3,080
680

African American

1,679
352

TOTAL
(includes all races)

15,683
4,773
1,035

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

22.9
23.5

48.9
68.4

31.5
37.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

477
999
704
10
8

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

132
11.4
5.7
55.3
7.5

68
27.9
12.6
31.3
11.2

200
17.0
8.1
47.2
8.8
90.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

8

20

28
4
14
1
5
1
3

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

9

0

9

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

2,992
\$4,168
\$21,316
17



children in the parishes



children in Jefferson Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			456,591
Under 20 (1992)	94,454	33,990	133,440
Under 5 (1992)	23,328	8,758	33,311

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	11.3	46.4	20.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	11.6	46.7	20.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			13,308
Food Stamps			24,538
WIC			5,220
Child Care Assistance			518
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			343

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	4,449	2,039	6,815
% Births to Teens	10.0	25.0	14.4
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.0	13.1	8.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	85.3	62.5	77.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	8.0	13.3	9.2
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			36.7

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	284	407	747
Assault/Battery			120
Burglary			113
Drugs			95
Status Offenses			107
Theft			148
Other Property Crimes			33
Other Crimes Against Persons			130

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	663	650	1399
Physical Abuse			441
Neglect			782
Sexual Abuse			146
Children in Foster Care	123	321	456

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			55,484
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,635
Teacher Salary (average)			\$28,626
Dropouts			1,826

children in Jefferson Davis Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			31,380
Under 20 (1992)	7,866	2,447	10,363
Under 5 (1992)	1,850	619	2,484
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	23.5	62.1	32.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	22.2	58.4	30.6
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			728
Food Stamps			1,980
WIC			1,143
Child Care Assistance			14
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			13
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	380	108	489
% Births to Teens	13.4	33.3	17.8
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.6	10.9	6.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	65.9	37.0	59.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	8.4	16.9	11.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			66.1
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	52	64	116
Assault/Battery			24
Burglary			8
Drugs			15
Status Offenses			3
Theft			17
Other Property Crimes			5
Other Crimes Against Persons			3
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	65	32	101
Physical Abuse			24
Neglect			67
Sexual Abuse			8
Children in Foster Care	14	13	28
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			6,886
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,222
Teacher Salary (average)			\$23,845
Dropouts			19



children in the parishes



children in Lafayette Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

38,620

15,855

176,592

10,262

4,123

55,102

14,542

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

12.4

55.4

24.5

12.8

60.9

25.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

3,815

8,857

524

438

175

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,901

7.8

6.2

85.6

5.6

993

23.6

14.9

58.1

14.5

2,924

13.1

8.9

76.2

8.4

57.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

192

407

603

127

82

88

15

163

67

61

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

228

211

448

101

303

25

129

56

69

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

25,387

\$3,767

\$26,215

5

children in Lafourche Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			86,912
Under 20 (1992)	22,285	4,928	28,522
Under 5 (1992)	5,440	1,357	7,074
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	20.1	74.6	30.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	19.9	74.2	30.2
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			2,737
Food Stamps			5,796
WIC			1,728
Child Care Assistance			117
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			40
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	1,021	292	1,348
% Births to Teens	14.1	27.1	16.8
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.9	14.9	7.8
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	75.6	71.4	74.6
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.1	18.8	8.7
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			72.1
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	176	192	371
Assault/Battery			96
Burglary			51
Drugs			34
Status Offenses			68
Theft			44
Other Property Crimes			45
Other Crimes Against Persons			32
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	171	145	319
Physical Abuse			65
Neglect			232
Sexual Abuse			14
Children in Foster Care	30	45	76
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			16,124
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,724
Teacher Salary (average)			\$23,839
Dropouts			171

92



children in the parishes



children in LaSalle Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

3,493

749

516

137

13,795

4,068

896

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.8

18.0

45.5

40.5

22.8

20.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

241

582

2,102

0

4

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

174

21.3

6.6

70.0

15.6

33

33.3

14.6

51.5

6.1

209

23.0

8.2

66.8

13.8

87.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

16

16

32

1

14

1

4

6

0

6

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

29

0

29

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

2,997

\$4,034

\$22,736

0

children in Lincoln Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			43,227
Under 20 (1992)	7,388	6,679	14,175
Under 5 (1992)	1,424	1,219	2,670
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	10.5	52.9	28.4
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	12.4	60.8	34.5
POVERTY CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,301
Food Stamps			2,796
WIC			708
Child Care Assistance			59
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			56
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	264	273	546
% Births to Teens	12.5	27.5	19.8
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.0	13.4	9.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	57.1	30.5	44.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	9.4	13.9	11.5
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			80.5
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	41	167	208
Assault/Battery			34
Burglary			31
Drugs			13
Status Offenses			21
Theft			59
Other Property Crimes			28
Other Crimes Against Persons			22
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	70	69	139
Physical Abuse			34
Neglect			85
Sexual Abuse			9
Children in Foster Care	22	50	72
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			6,144
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,802
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,550
Dropouts			114

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children in the parishes

children in Livingston Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

77,863

25,140

5,934

23,342

1,714

5,497

416

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

14.4

15.1

58.9

56.4

17.2

18.2

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

984

3,242

1,822

37

30

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,109

16.6

7.1

85.2

9.7

100

30.0

17.4

61.5

13.9

1,216

17.7

8.0

83.3

10.0

70.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

208

45

253

29

40

16

62

39

37

22

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

289

20

312

111

130

28

39

12

54

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

17,152

\$3,229

\$23,031

85

children in Madison Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			12,472
Under 20 (1992)	1,311	3,227	4,545
Under 5 (1992)	274	789	1,065
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	19.3	74.0	57.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	23.1	71.0	56.6
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,068
Food Stamps			1,925
WIC			827
Child Care Assistance			4
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			6
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	69	200	269
% Births to Teens	24.6	32.0	30.1
% Low Birthweight Babies	9.1	14.5	13.1
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	66.2	47.2	52.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.7	24.3	19.8
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			83.0
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	5	75	80
Assault/Battery			14
Burglary			22
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			3
Theft			12
Other Property Crimes			6
Other Crimes Against Persons			12
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	24	81	105
Physical Abuse			15
Neglect			87
Sexual Abuse			3
Children in Foster Care	6	37	43
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			2,879
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,814
Teacher Salary (average)			\$23,892
Dropouts			45



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Morehouse Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

5,011

1,168

5,620

1,314

32,062

10,655

2,485

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.3

17.7

66.7

73.6

43.1

46.4

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,463

3,516

1,055

145

77

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

215

20.0

7.0

57.8

13.6

304

41.1

11.9

49.8

16.3

520

32.3

9.7

53.2

15.1

78.5

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

29

169

198

18

50

18

6

26

27

27

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

44

84

128

26

85

10

28

10

18

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

6,392

\$3,912

\$21,946

40

101

102



children in the parishes

children in Natchitoches Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			37,253
Under 20 (1992)	6,785	5,892	12,824
Under 5 (1992)	1,326	1,498	2,841
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	22.6	69.2	45.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	23.8	70.8	47.9
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,698
Food Stamps			3,607
WIC			1,369
Child Care Assistance			122
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			51
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	255	312	569
% Births to Teens	15.7	29.5	23.2
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.3	11.3	8.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	72.2	52.8	61.4
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.7	10.9	8.9
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			81.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	24	188	212
Assault/Battery			59
Burglary			26
Drugs			22
Status Offenses			16
Theft			43
Other Property Crimes			13
Other Crimes Against Persons			22
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	110	165	276
Physical Abuse			37
Neglect			220
Sexual Abuse			6
Children in Foster Care	22	50	73
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			8,126
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,080
Teacher Salary (average)			\$24,230
Dropouts			96



children in Orleans Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

31,114
8,035

114,330
29,344

484,194
150,119
38,748

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

10.3
9.8

55.3
60.0

46.2
48.8

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

45,777
70,453
15,551
1,158
678

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,547
5.8
5.8
85.3
8.9

7,273
27.8
14.2
60.8
16.3

9,114
23.3
12.3
64.9
14.5
49.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

98

3,267

3,436
442
318
500
220
904
174
842

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

134

133

2108

1,130

2,301
490
1,617
93
1,288

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

87,433
\$4,419
\$31,800
2,681



children in the parishes

children in Ouachita Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			146,449
Under 20 (1992)	27,359	19,872	47,563
Under 5 (1992)	6,386	5,229	11,687
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	13.5	64.1	34.4
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	13.7	71.7	38.9
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			6,097
Food Stamps			12,389
WIC			669
Child Care Assistance			439
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			251
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	1,229	1,082	2,328
% Births to Teens	14.8	31.5	22.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.5	13.4	9.1
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	81.4	48.6	66.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	10.5	15.5	12.8
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			67.9
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	137	428	567
Assault/Battery			76
Burglary			104
Drugs			54
Status Offenses			22
Theft			139
Other Property Crimes			73
Other Crimes Against Persons			89
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	312	589	918
Physical Abuse			180
Neglect			611
Sexual Abuse			87
Children in Foster Care	36	135	180
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			17,875
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,878
Teacher Salary (average)			\$23,981
Dropouts			275



children in the parishes

children in Plaquemines Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			25,454
Under 20 (1992)	5,857	2,452	8,769
Under 5 (1992)	1,458	603	2,176
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	17.3	51.3	29.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	18.9	52.0	30.6
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,210
Food Stamps			1,908
WIC			902
Child Care Assistance			8
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			8
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	261	117	402
% Births to Teens	19.5	23.9	20.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.9	11.4	7.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	82.2	59.5	75.4
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	8.8	7.9	8.1
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			32.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	12	9	27
Assault/Battery			1
Burglary			3
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			9
Theft			3
Other Property Crimes			2
Other Crimes Against Persons			7
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	102	59	162
Physical Abuse			27
Neglect			129
Sexual Abuse			6
Children in Foster Care	12	6	18
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,462
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,401
Teacher Salary (average)			\$28,024
Dropouts			52

children in Pointe Coupee Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			23,016
Under 20 (1992)	3,782	3,616	7,414
Under 5 (1992)	878	863	1,741
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	16.3	57.9	36.1
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	12.8	58.8	35.3
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,069
Food Stamps			2,055
WIC			2,810
Child Care Assistance			16
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			6
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	184	182	371
% Births to Teens	13.0	22.0	17.3
% Low Birthweight Babies	4.9	13.8	9.4
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	82.3	54.2	68.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	2.3	15.5	9.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			74.3
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	15	37	52
Assault/Battery			14
Burglary			5
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			7
Theft			2
Other Property Crimes			11
Other Crimes Against Persons			12
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	16	49	65
Physical Abuse			19
Neglect			44
Sexual Abuse			2
Children in Foster Care	10	10	20
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			3,573
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,719
Teacher Salary (average)			\$25,849
Dropouts			13



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Rapides Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			126,484
Under 20 (1992)	26,145	14,541	41,209
Under 5 (1992)	6,445	3,514	10,105

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	15.6	58.1	30.3
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	15.6	65.1	32.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			4,207
Food Stamps			9,691
WIC			2,590
Child Care Assistance			311
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			152

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	1,119	802	1,947
% Births to Teens	15.5	28.8	20.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.7	14.0	9.5
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	75.0	45.3	62.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.5	16.7	11.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			69.7

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	46	102	151
Assault/Battery			13
Burglary			13
Drugs			13
Status Offenses			41
Theft			33
Other Property Crimes			7
Other Crimes Against Persons			31

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	338	313	660
Physical Abuse			136
Neglect			447
Sexual Abuse			63
Children in Foster Care	78	172	250

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			24,118
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,410
Teacher Salary (average)			\$26,498
Dropouts			149

children in Red River Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			9,323
Under 20 (1992)	1,576	1,508	3,089
Under 5 (1992)	392	391	785

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	21.9	67.8	43.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	29.8	79.4	53.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			371
Food Stamps			790
WIC			727
Child Care Assistance			6
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			0

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	72	67	139
% Births to Teens	9.7	23.9	16.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.0	12.7	8.6
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	86.1	55.2	71.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.5	25.4	15.9
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			89.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	14	35	49
Assault/Battery			9
Burglary			21
Drugs			3
Status Offenses			2
Theft			7
Other Property Crimes			3
Other Crimes Against Persons			3

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	2	15	17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			1,942
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,192
Teacher Salary (average)			\$19,199
Dropouts			18



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Richland Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
3,531	3,225	20,571
763	791	6,762
		1,555

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

21.5	70.3	43.9
17.6	78.0	46.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,189
2,480
831
36
35

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

150	177	327
20.0	33.9	27.5
5.8	11.5	8.7
83.2	59.2	70.3
10.4	20.3	15.5
		71.6

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

20	70	90
		15
		32
		9
		1
		13
		4
		9

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

34	16	50
		6
		35
		9
4	15	19

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

4,345
\$3,900
\$23,630
112

118

117

children in Sabine Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			23,473
Under 20 (1992)	4,953	1,798	6,994
Under 5 (1992)	1,218	468	1,729
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	24.0	71.4	36.1
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	24.5	82.3	38.5
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			651
Food Stamps			1,422
WIC			703
Child Care Assistance			18
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			13
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	209	83	294
% Births to Teens	18.7	36.1	23.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.6	14.0	8.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	71.2	53.0	66.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.7	12.3	9.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			84.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	58	35	93
Assault/Battery			10
Burglary			25
Drugs			5
Status Offenses			5
Theft			25
Other Property Crimes			9
Other Crimes Against Persons			13
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	41	45	87
Physical Abuse			16
Neglect			60
Sexual Abuse			7
Children in Foster Care	27	7	34
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,663
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,019
Teacher Salary (average)			\$24,155
Dropouts			67



children in the parishes

120



children in St. Bernard Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

18,207
4,482

African American

1,227
325

TOTAL
(includes all races)
66,984
19,809
4,901

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

16.9
17.6

60.9
71.8

19.8
21.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,497
3,076
1,226
120
53

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

847
14.0
6.9
85.1
6.6

75
28.0
16.4
52.0
15.9

940
15.3
7.7
82.0
7.4
37.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

53

7

62
4
9
6
29
5
4
5

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

82

36

118
31
76
7

33

16

51

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

9,079
\$4,219
\$26,052
153

children in St. Charles Parish



children in the parishes

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			45,749
Under 20 (1992)	10,329	4,399	14,862
Under 5 (1992)	2,842	1,167	4,050
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	7.9	47.5	18.9
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	6.9	50.8	19.2
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			945
Food Stamps			2,192
WIC			839
Child Care Assistance			93
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			32
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	482	247	733
% Births to Teens	9.1	26.3	14.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.9	13.6	8.4
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	84.2	65.7	78.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.6	8.1	7.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			70.2
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	31	57	88
Assault/Battery			23
Burglary			17
Drugs			11
Status Offenses			1
Theft			16
Other Property Crimes			5
Other Crimes Against Persons			15
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	23	29	52
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			9,504
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$5,608
Teacher Salary (average)			\$31,466
Dropouts			45



children in the parishes

children in St. Helena Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

1,356
356

2,018
509

9,868
3,381
865

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

12.8
12.2

63.2
61.6

42.1
40.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

343
1,049
702
2
11

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

55
9.1
9.0
89.1
3.9

48
20.8
11.1
74.5
15.5

105
14.3
10.1
81.7
10.3
92.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

4

3

7
1
2
2
2
2

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

0

23

23

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

1,865
\$3,843
\$22,578
36

125

126



children in the parishes

children in St. James Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			20,999
Under 20 (1992)	3,043	4,082	7,133
Under 5 (1992)	741	1,061	1,803
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	6.9	54.0	33.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	6.8	59.5	36.8
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			1,029
Food Stamps			1,946
WIC			960
Child Care Assistance			40
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			24
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	152	231	384
% Births to Teens	10.5	22.5	17.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.4	11.2	9.2
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	75.7	54.6	63.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	10.2	9.9	10.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			89.3
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	4	39	43
Assault/Battery			11
Burglary			6
Drugs			
Status Offenses			5
Theft			5
Other Property Crimes			8
Other Crimes Against Persons			8
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	2	32	34
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			4,304
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$5,092
Teacher Salary (average)			\$29,507
Dropouts			66



children in the parishes

children in St. John Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			41,742
Under 20 (1992)	8,577	6,256	14,940
Under 5 (1992)	2,343	1,606	3,986

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	7.5	47.4	23.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	7.9	48.9	23.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			1,778
Food Stamps			3,321
WIC			839
Child Care Assistance			74
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			49

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	405	335	745
% Births to Teens	10.1	22.1	15.6
% Low Birthweight Babies	4.7	12.1	8.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	77.5	49.8	64.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	2.8	14.0	7.6
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			77.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	5	26	31
Assault/Battery			6
Burglary			2
Drugs			6
Status Offenses			2
Theft			5
Other Property Crimes			
Other Crimes Against Persons			10

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	87	138	229
Physical Abuse			75
Neglect			139
Sexual Abuse			14
Children in Foster Care	10	41	53

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			7,165
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,307
Teacher Salary (average)			\$27,924
Dropouts			65

129

130

children in St. Landry Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			82,156
Under 20 (1992)	14,414	13,342	27,869
Under 5 (1992)	3,471	3,372	6,864
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	24.5	65.8	43.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	27.8	70.5	48.5
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			4,672
Food Stamps			9,348
WIC			2,007
Child Care Assistance			113
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			45
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	657	665	1,326
% Births to Teens	16.3	23.2	19.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.5	13.1	9.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	66.4	42.8	54.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.1	17.2	12.2
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			60.5
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	110	284	394
Assault/Battery			64
Burglary			65
Drugs			58
Status Offenses			56
Theft			74
Other Property Crimes			40
Other Crimes Against Persons			37
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	159	234	398
Physical Abuse			81
Neglect			270
Sexual Abuse			30
Children in Foster Care	40	82	127
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			18,034
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,859
Teacher Salary (average)			\$24,657
Dropouts			163



children in the parishes



children in St. Martin Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

9,244
2,304

6,120
1,653

45,741
15,578
3,998

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.6
20.1

54.6
51.4

32.5
32.8

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,338
3,472
899
76
33

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

415
12.0
7.3
78.5
6.7

376
19.7
13.4
52.6
12.8

795
15.6
9.9
65.9
9.5
70.7

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

84

116

205
35
17
18
8
28
24
16

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

22

19

42
14
22
2
72

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

8,805
\$3,759
\$22,361
142

children in St. Mary Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

11,372
2,820

African American

7,858
2,049

TOTAL
(includes all races)
57,185
20,173
5,144

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

18.1
20.9

55.9
54.1

34.0
35.4

POVERTY CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,597
5,642
1,057
104
75

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

573
13.8
5.6
82.7
8.4

383
24.3
11.4
64.0
12.8

988
17.7
7.8
75.1
9.8
63.7

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

102

162

266
41
56
27
52
30
30
24

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

77

87

172
31
120
17
39

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

11,634
\$4,032
\$25,967
105



children in the parishes

136



children in St. Tammany Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			167,242
Under 20 (1992)	43,064	7,050	50,615
Under 5 (1992)	10,554	1,805	12,511

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	12.3	48.9	17.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	11.3	48.1	16.4

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			2,016
Food Stamps			5,797
WIC			1,438
Child Care Assistance			72
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			89

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	1,964	374	2,366
% Births to Teens	9.7	25.9	12.2
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.0	12.5	7.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	88.1	65.9	84.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	7.1	17.1	8.5
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			48.5

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	278	139	422
Assault/Battery			79
Burglary			81
Drugs			47
Status Offenses			25
Theft			83
Other Property Crimes			47
Other Crimes Against Persons			51

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	310	119	445
Physical Abuse			52
Neglect			324
Sexual Abuse			50
Children in Foster Care	140	58	207

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			29,420
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,180
Teacher Salary (average)			\$27,882
Dropouts			282

children in Tangipahoa Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

18,588
4,145

African American

11,106
2,711

TOTAL
(includes all races)
91,260
29,856
6,896

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

23.5
23.1

68.8
73.4

40.9
42.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,431
9,427
3,225
163
92

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

943
16.8
6.6
86.3
10.4

663
33.3
15.2
69.1
15.1

1,612
23.5
10.4
79.2
12.4
82.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

92

293

385
64
47
28
57
52
30
75

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

95

108

210
49
123
28
102

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

17,258
\$3,849
\$24,854
197



children in the parishes



children in the parishes

children in Tensas Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

841
197

1,484
354

6,909
2,331
553

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

32.3
34.4

76.2
87.5

59.6
67.4

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

518
1,035
361
9
6

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

37
16.2
5.8
83.8
10.4

53
34.0
14.4
62.3
20.2

90
26.7
11.4
71.1
16.7
91.0

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

2

32

34
2
22
2
1
1
6

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

1

10

11

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

1,502
\$4,543
\$20,937
17

children in Terrebonne Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

24,872
6,102

7,193
1,917

100,359
34,695
8,621

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.4
21.6

62.7
70.2

31.3
35.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,812
7,328
1,661
123
50

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,181
14.0
6.9
72.5
8.0

418
22.0
14.1
67.2
16.8

1,740
17.0
8.7
70.2
9.9
60.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

94

110

214
28
73
21
29
29
8
26

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

85

83

171
30
122
15
197

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

20,046
\$3,517
\$25,184
427



children in the parishes



children in Union Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

4,030
908

African American

2,253
601

TOTAL
(includes all races)
21,475
6,290
1,511

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.8
19.8

56.7
53.9

30.7
32.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

478
1,189
279
17
7

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

171
22.2
7.1
67.9
6.5

121
25.6
12.6
40.0
11.6

292
23.6
9.3
56.2
8.5
83.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

38

30

68
8
8
6
3
14
19
9

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

30

26

56
17
35
4
17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

4,098
\$3,487
\$22,144
23

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children in Vermilion Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

13,116
3,087

2,971
852

50,794
16,516
4,033

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

24.9
25.8

69.1
66.4

33.1
35.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,499
3,531
861
57
38

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

554
15.0
5.6
76.2
5.8

173
26.0
16.6
57.7
22.3

740
17.4
8.2
71.6
9.7
58.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

50

60

113
26
19
5
5
17
20
21

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

106

77

189
55
109
15
40

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

10,466
\$3,992
\$25,821
41



children in the parishes



children in Vernon Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

15,585
4,614

5,293
1,825

57,008
21,671
6,718

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

22.7
23.0

19.1
21.1

21.9
23.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

866
2,459
2,213
27
26

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

794
15.7
5.7
69.4
9.1

235
14.5
10.2
65.6
12.8

1,068
15.5
6.8
68.6
9.7
56.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

74

61

135
12
36
5
4
51
7
20

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

186
61

107
30

321
62
242
11
97

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

11,661
\$4,243
\$24,437
46

children in Washington Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

8,216
1,791

5,104
1,209

42,899
13,360
3,010

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

28.4
30.1

65.1
67.6

41.8
44.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,906
4,260
1,996
17
14

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

417
17.0
6.7
71.7
10.0

244
25.8
11.3
33.0
16.7

663
20.2
8.5
57.4
12.6
85.6

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

27

27

54
11
14
3
3
7
7
9

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

58

58

121
27
75
13
111

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

5,290
\$4,863
\$25,637
71

152



children in the parishes



children in Webster Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

7,429
1,716

4,829
1,248

42,228
12,283
2,969

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

18.0
19.1

56.3
58.9

32.5
34.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,252
2,986
1,202
45
44

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

310
14.2
6.3
83.7
5.6

253
30.0
12.6
58.2
16.4

568
21.1
9.1
72.5
10.4
82.5

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

37

97

134
22
24
6
2
23
13
16

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

139

161

301
49
206
24
85

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

8,151
\$3,593
\$23,290
105

children in West Baton Rouge Parish

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
POPULATION			
Total (1994)			20,057
Under 20 (1992)	3,759	2,685	6,467
Under 5 (1992)	953	670	1,628
POVERTY (1990 census)			
% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	10.5	52.2	27.1
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	10.5	59.1	29.7
POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)			
AFDC			762
Food Stamps			1,572
WIC			497
Child Care Assistance			52
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			22
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)			
Births	211	161	374
% Births to Teens	11.8	21.7	16.0
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.8	15.0	9.8
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	82.7	58.0	71.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.8	10.5	8.4
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			77.4
CHILDREN IN TROUBLE			
Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	21	44	66
Assault/Battery			9
Burglary			22
Drugs			7
Status Offenses			
Theft			7
Other Property Crimes			10
Other Crimes Against Persons			11
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)			
Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			•
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	1	12	13
PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)			
Registration			3,913
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,350
Teacher Salary (average)			\$26,300
Dropouts			85



children in the parishes



children in West Carroll Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

2,900
612

836
242

11,999
3,746
857

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

23.0
30.7

81.5
81.5

35.4
43.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

358
827
573
15
10

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

120
15.0
6.1
63.0
9.8

46
32.6
16.7
50.0
12.8

168
19.6
9.0
59.9
10.6
84.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

22

10

32
11
2
2
6
8
3

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

0
5

5
12

5
5
17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

2,638
\$3,948
\$23,375
38

children in West Feliciana Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

1,401

1,362

13,132

314

360

2,773

678

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

14.1

70.6

41.1

11.8

76.0

45.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

321

570

294

3

5

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

72

63

136

9.7

14.3

11.8

4.7

9.9

7.3

84.5

49.2

68.2

5.8

12.0

8.9

83.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

14

20

34

4

6

4

6

5

5

4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

*

1

4

5

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

2,149

\$5,073

\$28,623

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children in the parishes



children in Winn Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)
Under 20 (1992)
Under 5 (1992)

White

African American

TOTAL
(includes all races)

3,076
711

1,801
451

16,988
4,908
1,169

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.9
22.2

59.0
50.7

33.5
33.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFTDC
Food Stamps
WIC
Child Care Assistance
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

684
1,337
663
10
5

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births
% Births to Teens
% Low Birthweight Babies
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

138
16.7
5.8
54.1
8.3

83
33.7
10.3
36.6
4.5

221
23.1
7.5
47.5
6.9
77.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)
Assault/Battery
Burglary
Drugs
Status Offenses
Theft
Other Property Crimes
Other Crimes Against Persons

8

7

15
6
3
4
1
1

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)
Physical Abuse
Neglect
Sexual Abuse
Children in Foster Care

41
2

32
8

73
12
58
3
10

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration
Per Pupil Expenditures
Teacher Salary (average)
Dropouts

3,399
\$4,208
\$23,885
38

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Children in Foster Care

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Acadia	71	78	86	77	73	84
Allen	45	44	58	49	43	56
Ascension	40	38	35	35	38	41
Assumption	8	7	20	28	32	31
Avoyelles	32	23	37	25	36	45
Beauregard	27	20	29	27	30	25
Bienville	26	21	18	19	20	20
Bossier	70	84	77	92	96	100
Caddo	283	285	296	374	364	339
Calcasieu	125	104	103	92	99	100
Caldwell	9	14	11	15	12	8
Cameron	2	2	1	0	3	3
Catahoula	18	14	10	12	20	15
Claiborne	13	14	16	17	17	13
Concordia	14	18	34	27	22	25
DeSoto	44	33	55	37	38	46
East Baton Rouge	423	427	405	435	464	454
East Carroll	66	64	63	55	21	23
East Feliciana	21	24	20	16	17	14
Evangeline	27	46	30	33	29	32
Franklin	26	29	22	22	25	22
Grant	28	37	20	27	16	17
Iberia	59	59	62	45	41	53
Iberville	44	41	50	60	48	59
Jackson	11	6	8	4	9	9
Jefferson	365	405	386	377	427	456
Jefferson Davis	21	29	21	32	30	28
Lafayette	81	106	79	80	128	129
Lafourche	78	91	59	54	78	76
LaSalle	20	27	21	13	15	29
Lincoln	61	62	75	70	55	72
Livingston	44	38	47	37	50	54
Madison	47	47	45	28	38	43
Morehouse	39	36	41	35	28	28
Natchitoches	47	37	61	64	57	73
Orleans	793	902	1,053	1,096	1,113	1,288
Ouachita	191	214	198	155	178	180
Plaquemines	24	23	21	17	13	18
Pointe Coupee	17	19	25	22	21	20
Rapides	156	183	199	209	216	250

Parish	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Red River	11	5	13	7	15	17
Richland	22	19	14	23	25	19
Sabine	19	19	33	22	29	34
St. Bernard	38	35	40	47	46	51
St. Charles	42	60	60	50	47	52
St. Helena	8	9	27	20	24	23
St. James	26	35	29	23	34	34
St. John	39	49	72	45	51	53
St. Landry	131	157	160	141	109	127
St. Martin	61	75	89	89	59	72
St. Mary	50	55	55	42	34	39
St. Tammany	163	165	215	181	173	207
Tangipahoa	100	135	109	96	101	102
Tensas	20	27	27	21	8	11
Terrebonne	142	184	184	193	196	197
Union	24	25	29	20	14	17
Vermillion	42	46	48	38	38	40
Vernon	52	54	59	61	81	97
Washington	97	123	121	121	94	111
Webster	77	84	96	95	71	85
West Baton Rouge	9	9	13	21	10	13
West Carroll	27	25	18	13	11	17
West Feliciana	2	12	10	6	5	5
Winn	17	14	6	8	7	10
State	5,324	5,699	5,714	5,537	5,561	5,981



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Average Number Of Persons Per Household Receiving Food Stamps and Average Monthly Coupon Amount Per Household

Parish	1992 avg. # of persons	1992 avg. coupons	1993 avg. # of persons	1993 avg. coupons	1994 avg. # of persons	1994 avg. coupons	1995 avg. # of persons	1995 avg. coupons
Acadia	2.83	\$180	2.82	\$177	2.78	\$176	2.73	\$177
Allen	2.65	\$179	2.63	\$174	2.52	\$171	2.44	\$167
Ascension	3.00	\$219	2.85	\$217	2.81	\$205	2.76	\$206
Assumption	2.63	\$175	2.88	\$192	2.82	\$181	2.76	\$185
Avoyelles	2.64	\$163	2.60	\$158	2.68	\$161	2.48	\$147
Beauregard	2.90	\$195	2.88	\$194	2.84	\$193	2.73	\$187
Bienville	2.54	\$165	2.49	\$163	2.46	\$164	2.41	\$161
Bossier	2.88	\$201	2.84	\$199	3.13	\$220	2.79	\$200
Caddo	2.79	\$204	2.76	\$200	2.73	\$198	2.70	\$200
Calcasieu	2.68	\$188	2.65	\$185	2.62	\$185	2.60	\$190
Caldwell	2.73	\$183	2.69	\$180	2.65	\$181	2.55	\$181
Cameron	2.93	\$198	2.90	\$200	2.79	\$189	2.75	\$190
Catahoula	2.75	\$167	2.69	\$161	2.63	\$156	2.56	\$157
Claiborne	2.77	\$182	2.70	\$177	2.66	\$175	2.57	\$173
Concordia	2.90	\$188	2.84	\$182	2.77	\$177	2.74	\$179
DeSoto	2.63	\$179	2.43	\$174	2.63	\$180	2.56	\$180
East Baton Rouge	2.84	\$212	2.85	\$227	2.83	\$212	2.78	\$215
East Carroll	3.06	\$205	3.02	\$198	2.94	\$193	2.81	\$193
East Feliciana	3.14	\$202	3.15	\$208	3.09	\$195	3.00	\$198
Evangeline	2.78	\$161	2.74	\$158	2.70	\$156	2.66	\$158
Franklin	2.98	\$183	2.92	\$176	2.82	\$174	2.75	\$173
Grant	2.79	\$174	2.77	\$171	2.74	\$174	2.68	\$177
Iberia	2.93	\$200	2.92	\$219	2.91	\$197	2.84	\$198
Iberville	2.90	\$195	2.84	\$198	2.78	\$191	2.72	\$190
Jackson	2.62	\$174	2.57	\$169	2.50	\$167	1.98	\$136
Jefferson	2.90	\$82	2.87	\$213	2.81	\$208	2.70	\$208
Jefferson Davis	2.95	\$439	2.92	\$177	2.86	\$175	2.76	\$175
Lafayette	2.93	\$17	2.94	\$200	2.92	\$200	2.84	\$200
Lafourche	2.97	\$95	2.97	\$210	2.93	\$200	2.89	\$202
LaSalle	2.80	\$863	2.77	\$157	2.65	\$156	2.62	\$160
Lincoln	2.74	\$136	2.69	\$180	2.64	\$184	2.59	\$190
Livingston	2.91	\$198	2.88	\$195	2.86	\$192	2.79	\$196
Madison	2.97	\$195	2.88	\$192	2.87	\$193	2.84	\$196
Morehouse	2.91	\$190	2.84	\$184	2.79	\$180	2.67	\$177
Natchitoches	2.74	\$182	2.70	\$177	2.65	\$176	2.59	\$176
Orleans	2.60	\$199	2.54	\$196	2.51	\$195	2.48	\$198
Ouachita	3.09	\$217	3.06	\$217	3.07	\$219	2.94	\$221
Plaquemines	3.25	\$234	3.15	\$230	3.02	\$224	2.94	\$224
Pointe Coupee	2.68	\$181	2.65	\$180	2.62	\$175	2.55	\$172
Rapides	2.86	\$199	2.80	\$187	2.76	\$186	2.71	\$189
Red River	2.94	\$183	2.90	\$174	2.83	\$167	2.69	\$166
Richland	3.20	\$204	3.16	\$200	3.07	\$199	2.99	\$201
Sabine	2.65	\$175	2.63	\$170	2.58	\$166	2.53	\$169
St. Bernard	2.73	\$190	2.66	\$188	2.61	\$187	2.52	\$186
St. Charles	2.97	\$217	2.92	\$211	2.90	\$211	2.85	\$214
St. Helena	3.08	\$194	2.95	\$185	2.92	\$180	2.77	\$174
St. James	2.92	\$207	2.89	\$207	2.89	\$206	2.85	\$210
St. John	3.07	\$220	3.03	\$219	2.98	\$215	2.93	\$217
St. Landry	2.80	\$180	2.77	\$178	2.75	\$175	2.69	\$176
St. Martin	3.11	\$195	3.06	\$211	3.04	\$190	2.96	\$191
St. Mary	2.93	\$199	2.90	\$219	2.85	\$195	2.74	\$194
St. Tammany	2.78	\$198	2.74	\$193	2.70	\$193	2.66	\$198
Tangipahoa	2.89	\$199	2.86	\$196	2.88	\$193	2.83	\$197
Texas	2.91	\$191	2.77	\$178	2.71	\$172	2.64	\$169
Terrebonne	3.13	\$216	3.11	\$223	3.08	\$208	3.00	\$212
Union	6.97	\$175	2.64	\$163	2.62	\$161	2.55	\$164
Vermillion	2.89	\$197	2.86	\$195	2.82	\$192	2.77	\$193
Vernon	3.04	\$180	2.99	\$180	2.92	\$179	2.91	\$183
Washington	2.76	\$179	2.68	\$171	3.54	\$224	2.54	\$164
Webster	2.78	\$185	2.73	\$181	2.68	\$182	2.63	\$181
West Baton Rouge	2.82	\$201	2.85	\$207	2.83	\$199	2.76	\$199
West Carroll	2.71	\$160	2.68	\$153	2.66	\$152	2.60	\$157
West Feliciana	2.90	\$184	2.80	\$185	2.72	\$181	2.67	\$180
Winn	2.56	\$168	2.49	\$161	2.46	\$159	2.42	\$159
State	2.81	\$197	2.77	\$197	2.73	\$193		

Child Abuse and Neglect

Parish	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95
Acadia	250	227	294
Allen	176	141	122
Ascension	102	81	95
Assumption	*	*	*
Avoyelles	121	135	156
Beauregard	219	171	140
Bienville	*	*	*
Bossier	382	273	216
Caddo	1,065	980	697
Calcasieu	626	574	872
Caldwell	*	*	*
Cameron	*	*	*
Catahoula	140	105	93
Claiborne	*	*	*
Concordia	106	40	23
DeSoto	89	133	100
East Baton Rouge	989	998	790
East Carroll	106	214	161
East Feliciana	59	59	82
Evangeline	102	114	103
Franklin	48	74	38
Grant	60	88	106
Iberia	188	191	217
Iberville	84	87	107
Jackson	*	*	*
Jefferson	1,183	1,259	1,399
Jefferson Davis	189	139	101
Lafayette	532	466	448
Lafourche	451	339	319
LaSalle	*	*	*
Lincoln	256	172	139
Livingston	302	386	312
Madison	115	59	105
Morehouse	123	130	128
Natchitoches	371	356	276
Orleans	2,706	3,478	2,301
Ouachita	771	898	918
Plaquemines	120	155	162

Parish	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95
Pointe Coupee	56	81	65
Rapides	589	627	660
Red River	*	*	*
Richland	84	78	50
Sabine	126	82	87
St. Bernard	146	204	118
St. Charles	*	*	*
St. Helena	*	*	*
St. James	*	*	*
St. John	189	206	229
St. Landry	292	307	398
St. Martin	68	111	42
St. Mary	158	157	172
St. Tammany	390	420	445
Tangipahoa	272	205	210
Tensas	*	*	*
Terrebonne	482	295	171
Union	59	66	56
Vermillion	125	188	189
Vernon	295	332	321
Washington	111	108	121
Webster	185	171	301
West Baton Rouge	*	*	*
West Carroll	17	12	5
West Feliciana	*	*	*
Winn	19	106	73
Total	15,705	16,197	14,795



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Children Receiving Aid To Families With Dependent Children

Parish	Fiscal Yr '91	Fiscal Yr '92	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95	Parish	Fiscal Yr '91	Fiscal Yr '92	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95
Acadia	2,547	2,533	2,466	2,380	2,289	Richland	1,199	1,196	1,181	1,206	1,189
Allen	911	918	918	788	658	Sabine	865	838	805	713	651
Ascension	2,483	2,451	2,415	2,306	2,220	St. Bernard	1,405	1,424	1,449	1,541	1,497
Assumption	1,020	974	916	855	851	St. Charles	1,402	1,347	1,285	1,160	945
Avoyelles	2,181	2,142	2,055	1,807	1,434	St. Helena	474	449	420	426	343
Beauregard	760	757	760	744	630	St. James	1,239	1,230	1,213	1,131	1,029
Bienville	725	735	760	754	717	St. John	1,850	1,851	1,838	1,776	1,778
Bossier	2,111	2,080	2,096	1,981	1,836	St. Landry	5,395	5,334	5,237	4,802	4,672
Caddo	13,152	13,015	12,748	11,978	10,777	St. Martin	1,322	1,315	1,286	1,265	1,338
Calcasieu	5,126	5,065	4,941	4,584	4,330	St. Mary	2,734	2,741	2,694	2,673	2,597
Caldwell	341	333	350	325	324	St. Tammany	2,301	2,260	2,177	2,035	2,016
Cameron	122	126	134	117	97	Tangipahoa	5,359	5,196	4,854	4,353	4,431
Catahoula	504	482	463	441	436	Tensas	644	628	604	552	518
Claiborne	834	845	861	758	716	Terrebonne	3,253	3,204	3,072	2,850	2,812
Concordia	1,301	1,242	1,131	1,033	997	Union	661	620	545	495	478
DeSoto	1,371	1,380	1,389	1,300	1,186	Vermillion	1,683	1,704	1,692	1,615	1,499
East Baton Rouge	16,077	15,853	15,451	14,696	14,160	Vernon	878	861	865	845	866
East Carroll	1,350	1,325	1,295	1,224	1,161	Washington	2,159	2,104	2,006	1,918	1,906
East Feliciana	1,070	1,034	1,023	909	847	Webster	1,374	1,360	1,331	1,327	1,252
Evangeline	2,025	2,002	1,969	1,875	1,851	West Baton Rouge	840	841	849	802	762
Franklin	1,162	1,152	1,109	1,076	1,023	West Carroll	379	374	362	330	358
Grant	637	599	542	520	560	West Feliciana	376	359	356	365	321
Iberia	2,837	2,788	2,709	2,676	2,679	Winn	823	785	743	716	684
Iberville	1,945	1,911	1,809	1,605	1,552	State	195,504	193,705	190,469	181,786	173,825
Jackson	557	561	556	532	477						
Jefferson	13,518	13,508	13,550	13,324	13,308						
Jefferson Davis	958	920	853	797	728						
Lafayette	4,089	4,117	4,105	3,975	3,815						
Lafourche	2,944	2,893	2,779	2,640	2,737						
LaSalle	260	259	251	244	241						
Lincoln	1,401	1,353	1,283	1,277	1,301						
Livingston	1,249	1,226	1,202	1,107	984						
Madison	1,353	1,344	1,325	1,243	1,068						
Morehouse	2,050	2,013	1,933	1,687	1,463						
Natchitoches	2,034	2,032	1,986	1,803	1,698						
Orleans	49,636	49,677	49,778	48,274	45,777						
Ouachita	6,701	6,631	6,458	6,132	6,097						
Plaquemines	1,265	1,268	1,258	1,277	1,210						
Pointe Coupee	1,270	1,239	1,190	1,141	1,069						
Rapides	4,461	4,384	4,292	4,271	4,207						
Red River	548	521	496	437	371						

Five-Year Average Annual Rate Of Low Birthweight (under 2500 grams or 5.5 pounds) Per 100 Live Births By Race and Parish: 1985-89; 1989-93

- = worsening conditions + = improving conditions

Parish	1985-1989 white	1989-1993 white	1985-1989 black	1989-1993 black	1985-1989 total	1989-1993 total	% change white	% change black	total
Acadia	6.1	6.0	13.2	13.7	7.9	8.0	0.17	-0.53	-0.06
Allen	6.8	6.8	12.6	10.9	8.2	7.8	0.05	1.63	0.35
Ascension	5.5	6.2	14.9	13.6	8.4	8.5	-0.72	1.36	-0.10
Assumption	5.9	6.6	12.8	13.6	8.9	9.7	-0.70	-0.81	-0.84
Avoyelles	7.2	6.3	13.5	12.5	9.5	8.7	0.80	0.94	0.72
Beauregard	6.0	5.6	12.3	7.3	7.1	6.0	0.35	5.01	1.10
Bienville	5.5	5.7	12.6	13.0	9.3	9.8	-0.24	-0.41	-0.52
Bossier	5.9	5.8	11.8	13.1	7.4	7.9	0.13	-1.35	-0.45
Caddo	5.7	6.1	13.1	13.9	9.5	10.3	-0.42	-0.76	-0.83
Calcasieu	6.9	6.9	13.1	13.5	8.7	8.9	-0.04	-0.36	-0.22
Caldwell	4.6	5.4	10.3	13.3	5.6	7.0	-0.87	-2.95	-1.40
Cameron	7.6	8.4	13.2	11.9	8.1	8.6	-0.74	1.26	-0.44
Catahoula	6.1	5.3	16.5	13.2	10.2	8.4	0.78	3.31	1.79
Clalborne	7.2	4.8	11.6	10.7	9.8	8.7	2.31	0.86	1.07
Concordia	5.6	5.7	13.1	14.0	9.1	9.9	-0.11	-0.86	-0.85
DeSoto	6.0	5.3	12.7	13.4	9.4	9.9	0.67	-0.64	-0.53
East Baton Rouge	5.4	5.7	14.3	14.9	9.4	10.0	-0.25	-0.57	-0.57
East Carroll	5.6	6.6	11.1	12.7	9.8	11.5	-0.97	-1.58	-1.69
East Feliciana	5.6	6.7	13.5	13.2	9.9	10.2	-1.08	0.26	-0.33
Evangeline	7.1	7.7	14.5	14.4	9.8	10.4	-0.61	0.17	-0.52
Franklin	5.5	6.1	13.4	13.5	9.2	9.6	-0.62	-0.05	-0.39
Grant	7.7	8.3	15.4	15.8	9.3	9.7	-0.57	-0.47	-0.38
Iberia	5.9	6.0	12.2	12.1	8.4	8.4	-0.10	0.16	-0.04
Iberville	6.2	7.0	13.3	14.6	10.2	11.5	-0.79	-1.38	-1.25
Jackson	5.3	5.7	10.8	12.6	7.4	8.1	-0.36	-1.78	-0.71
Jefferson	6.0	6.0	12.1	13.1	7.6	8.0	-0.03	-1.08	-0.42
Jefferson Davis	5.6	5.6	12.6	10.9	7.3	6.9	-0.03	1.67	0.35
Lafayette	5.3	6.2	13.9	14.9	7.7	8.9	-0.91	-1.03	-1.23
Lafourche	5.8	5.9	13.1	14.9	7.3	7.8	-0.16	-1.80	-0.44
LaSalle	5.6	6.6	11.8	14.6	6.6	8.2	-1.06	-2.79	-1.59
Lincoln	4.6	5.0	11.7	13.4	7.8	9.0	-0.39	-1.65	-1.24
Livingston	5.8	7.1	12.8	17.4	6.4	8.0	-1.27	-4.60	-1.56
Madison	4.5	9.1	10.8	14.5	9.4	13.1	-4.59	-3.66	-3.74
Morehouse	6.8	7.0	13.1	11.9	10.2	9.7	-0.14	1.17	0.50
Natchitoches	5.7	6.3	10.7	11.3	8.2	8.9	-0.56	-0.62	-0.61
Orleans	5.9	5.8	13.6	14.2	11.6	12.3	0.06	-0.59	-0.71
Ouachita	5.2	5.5	11.7	13.4	8.2	9.1	-0.24	-1.73	-0.99
Plaquemines	6.7	5.9	10.8	11.4	7.8	7.3	0.79	-0.57	0.56
Pointe Coupee	5.0	4.9	11.5	13.8	8.3	9.4	0.11	-2.35	-1.15
Rapides	6.5	6.7	14.4	14.0	9.4	9.5	-0.21	0.45	-0.13
Red River	4.7	5.0	13.6	12.7	8.9	8.6	-0.38	0.91	0.28
Richland	6.1	5.8	10.5	11.5	8.4	8.7	0.34	-0.94	-0.36
Sabine	6.6	5.6	10.4	14.0	7.6	8.0	0.96	-3.60	-0.47
St. Bernard	6.9	6.9	11.9	16.4	7.2	7.7	-0.08	-4.58	-0.58
St. Charles	5.9	5.9	11.3	13.6	7.6	8.4	-0.02	-2.26	-0.85
St. Helena	5.6	9.0	11.3	11.1	8.8	10.1	-3.34	0.12	-1.32
St. James	5.9	6.4	11.3	11.2	9.1	9.2	-0.47	0.11	-0.17
St. John	4.9	4.7	11.8	12.1	7.7	8.0	0.23	-0.37	-0.32
St. Landry	6.0	6.5	12.9	13.1	9.3	9.9	-0.57	-0.22	-0.56
St. Martin	6.6	7.3	12.1	13.4	8.9	9.9	-0.66	-1.28	-0.97
St. Mary	5.5	5.6	10.9	11.4	7.5	7.8	-0.13	-0.49	-0.33
St. Tammany	6.0	6.0	11.6	12.5	6.8	7.0	0.01	-0.87	-0.20
Tangipahoa	6.6	6.6	14.6	15.2	10.0	10.4	-0.06	-0.62	-0.40
Tensas	7.1	5.8	10.7	14.4	9.4	11.4	1.35	-3.72	-1.97
Terrebonne	6.4	6.9	14.0	14.1	8.2	8.7	-0.45	-0.10	-0.48
Union	5.4	7.1	12.2	12.6	8.1	9.3	-1.70	-0.42	-1.18
Vermillion	5.6	5.6	14.2	16.6	7.4	8.2	0.03	-2.40	-0.87
Vernon	5.8	5.7	9.4	10.2	6.8	6.8	0.15	-0.87	-0.05
Washington	7.0	6.7	13.1	11.3	9.3	8.5	0.25	1.86	0.87
Webster	6.3	6.3	11.8	12.6	8.6	9.1	0.02	-0.82	-0.50
West Baton Rouge	6.8	5.8	15.2	15.0	10.3	9.8	1.01	0.16	0.52
West Carroll	5.9	6.1	12.3	16.7	7.8	9.0	-0.18	-4.39	-1.18
West Feliciana	5.2	4.7	10.5	9.9	7.8	7.3	0.56	0.59	0.58
Winns	5.8	5.8	11.3	10.3	7.9	7.5	0.02	1.00	0.42
State	5.9	6.2	13.0	13.7	8.8	9.3	-0.20	-0.66	-0.51



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Births To Women Under 19 Years Of Age Per 100 Live Births To Women Of All Ages By Race and Parish: 1989 : 1993

- = worsening conditions

+ = improving conditions

Parish	1989 white	1993 white	1989 black	1993 black	1989 total	1993 total	% change white	% change black	% change total
Acadia	15.3	17.5	26.2	31.6	18.0	21.2	-2.19	-5.41	-3.27
Allen	22.9	19.1	31.2	29.1	24.9	21.7	3.79	2.10	3.26
Ascension	13.3	10.3	24.5	21.7	17.0	13.5	3.01	2.81	3.43
Assumption	16.3	7.8	24.5	23.2	19.7	14.9	8.53	1.31	4.84
Avoyelles	18.8	18.5	21.8	26.5	19.8	21.6	0.24	-4.64	-1.79
Beauregard	18.0	19.9	30.9	31.0	20.2	21.8	-1.94	-0.02	-1.58
Bienville	15.0	17.9	29.8	23.5	23.3	20.7	-2.97	6.31	2.57
Bossier	10.8	10.9	20.4	25.3	13.7	15.3	-0.02	-4.91	-1.61
Caddo	12.6	11.8	26.9	27.7	20.3	20.3	0.75	-0.74	-0.02
Calcasieu	14.4	15.9	22.8	26.0	17.0	19.0	-1.50	-3.20	-1.96
Caldwell	22.0	20.8	7.4	27.3	19.1	22.0	1.19	-19.87	-2.92
Cameron	10.2	13.8	18.2	33.3	0.0	15.0	-3.59	-15.15	-15.00
Catahoula	20.9	23.9	28.6	33.2	23.8	27.2	-3.04	-3.63	-3.37
Clalborne	3.6	27.4	33.1	26.3	23.0	26.7	-23.83	6.81	-3.75
Concordia	17.4	18.4	35.8	40.6	26.7	30.1	-0.93	-4.81	-3.40
DeSoto	14.3	18.8	24.8	22.3	20.6	20.9	-4.54	2.46	-0.37
East Baton Rouge	7.8	7.6	21.1	22.2	14.0	14.4	0.25	-1.04	-0.41
East Carroll	12.5	18.4	33.1	37.9	28.0	33.3	-5.87	-4.82	-5.33
East Feliciana	15.4	11.2	23.8	25.3	0.0	18.5	4.20	-1.48	-18.54
Evangeline	14.4	20.9	24.7	28.7	18.3	23.9	-6.56	-4.05	-5.59
Franklin	12.6	21.1	32.9	36.4	22.7	28.5	-8.44	-3.49	-5.80
Grant	19.7	21.3	22.2	40.5	0.0	24.6	-1.52	-18.25	-24.62
Iberia	16.0	14.2	20.2	29.7	17.6	21.3	1.80	-9.51	-3.70
Iberville	16.6	18.1	21.9	22.0	19.8	20.3	-1.52	-0.12	-0.47
Jackson	16.6	11.4	20.5	27.9	17.9	17.0	5.19	-7.39	0.86
Jefferson	9.6	10.0	23.8	25.0	13.4	14.4	-0.41	-1.20	-1.01
Jefferson Davis	13.2	13.4	23.8	33.3	16.2	17.8	-0.21	-9.52	-1.61
Lafayette	8.5	7.8	18.8	23.6	11.5	13.1	0.62	-4.76	-1.64
Lafourche	12.0	14.1	24.9	27.1	14.7	16.8	-2.15	-2.14	-2.09
LaSalle	25.0	21.3	48.3	33.3	28.9	23.0	3.74	14.94	5.96
Lincoln	9.9	12.5	22.1	27.5	15.3	19.8	-2.64	-5.38	-4.48
Livingston	16.3	16.6	17.1	30.0	16.4	17.7	-0.26	-12.86	-1.32
Madison	15.4	24.6	38.4	32.0	32.5	30.1	-9.25	6.41	2.40
Morehouse	20.2	20.0	34.3	41.1	27.6	32.3	0.24	-6.82	-4.71
Natchitoches	11.8	15.7	30.2	29.5	21.1	23.2	-3.84	0.71	-2.07
Orleans	6.1	5.8	24.8	27.8	20.2	23.3	0.30	-3.05	-3.18
Ouachita	10.9	14.8	27.4	31.5	18.4	22.5	-3.88	-4.09	-4.14
Plaquemines	17.4	19.5	11.9	23.9	15.5	20.9	-2.12	-12.07	-5.40
Pointe Coupee	11.8	13.0	15.3	22.0	0.0	17.3	-1.24	-6.68	-17.25
Rapides	14.7	15.5	24.5	28.8	17.9	20.7	-0.80	-4.27	-2.82
Red River	25.4	9.7	28.3	23.9	27.3	16.5	15.63	4.45	10.73
Richland	17.8	20.0	31.6	33.9	24.7	27.5	-2.18	-2.29	-2.81
Sabine	23.0	18.7	31.9	36.1	25.4	23.5	4.36	-4.23	1.89
St. Bernard	12.5	14.0	22.2	28.0	13.3	15.3	-1.56	-5.78	-2.04
St. Charles	9.1	9.1	17.0	26.3	11.4	14.9	-0.07	-9.36	-3.51
St. Helena	3.8	9.1	18.9	20.8	12.6	14.3	-5.32	-1.91	-1.69
St. James	7.6	10.5	19.3	22.5	14.1	17.7	-2.88	-3.19	-3.65
St. John	7.3	10.1	22.9	22.1	13.8	15.6	-2.83	0.79	-1.79
St. Landry	11.0	16.3	22.7	23.2	16.9	19.7	-5.25	-0.42	-2.52
St. Martin	14.5	12.0	13.1	19.7	13.9	15.6	2.44	-6.58	-1.67
St. Mary	14.8	13.8	19.6	24.3	16.3	17.7	1.03	-4.69	-1.39
St. Tammany	8.6	9.7	24.7	25.9	10.9	12.2	-1.08	-1.23	-1.27
Tangipahoa	16.2	16.8	29.9	33.3	22.2	23.5	-0.58	-3.39	-1.28
Tensas	5.4	16.2	20.8	34.0	16.5	26.7	-10.81	-13.13	-10.13
Terrebonne	15.0	14.0	23.5	22.0	18.1	17.0	1.08	1.48	1.09
Union	16.0	22.2	33.1	25.6	23.2	23.6	-6.20	7.46	-0.48
Vermillion	12.6	15.0	20.9	26.0	14.2	17.4	-2.40	-5.13	-3.24
Vernon	20.8	15.7	12.1	14.5	17.8	15.5	5.01	-2.41	3.28
Washington	18.2	17.0	23.9	25.8	20.4	20.2	1.16	-1.88	0.22
Webster	17.7	14.2	34.5	30.0	25.2	21.1	3.51	4.48	4.11
West Baton Rouge	8.7	11.8	16.1	21.7	11.6	16.0	-3.15	-5.63	-4.43
West Carroll	20.2	15.0	16.4	32.6	18.9	19.6	5.16	-16.25	-0.75
West Feliciana	14.5	9.7	18.2	14.3	0.0	11.8	4.77	3.90	-11.76
Winn	27.8	16.7	28.2	33.7	28.0	23.1	11.18	-5.50	4.91
State	12.4	12.8	24.1	26.7	17.6	18.7	-0.40	-2.55	-1.02

Five-Year Average Infant Mortality Rates Per 1,000 Live Births By Race and Parish: 1985-89; 1989-93

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Parish	1985-1989 white	1989-1993 white	1985-1989 black	1989-1993 black	1985-1989 total	1989-1993 total	rate of change white	rate of change black	total
Acadia	9.3	11.2	17.0	16.8	11.3	12.6	-1.90	0.50	-1.30
Allen	4.7	4.7	12.3	9.3	6.3	6.4	0.00	3.00	0.10
Ascension	8.9	5.0	12.0	14.8	9.8	8.0	3.90	-2.80	1.80
Assumption	6.4	10.1	10.8	13.7	8.2	11.7	-3.70	-2.90	-3.50
Avoyelles	9.2	7.1	10.6	9.5	9.7	8.0	2.10	1.10	1.70
Beauregard	8.1	5.4	27.7	10.8	11.4	6.3	2.70	16.90	5.10
Blinville	5.0	9.5	19.9	14.7	13.0	12.4	-4.50	5.20	0.60
Bossier	7.3	6.7	10.8	12.6	8.1	8.3	0.60	-1.80	-0.20
Caddo	8.0	6.5	17.6	15.9	12.9	11.5	1.50	1.70	1.40
Calcasieu	9.7	8.5	15.8	14.9	11.4	10.4	1.20	0.90	1.00
Caldwell	6.5	14.4	34.5	7.0	11.8	12.9	-7.90	27.50	-1.10
Cameron	5.8	8.7	13.2		6.5	8.1	-2.90	13.20	-1.60
Catahoula	7.4	7.6	12.0	9.0	9.1	8.1	-0.20	3.00	1.00
Claiborne	5.8		14.5	13.2	10.9	8.7	5.80	1.30	2.20
Concordia	4.1	13.0	15.3		9.9	15.1	-8.90	-1.80	-5.20
DeSoto	9.5	15.5	11.9	11.5	10.7	13.2	-6.00	0.40	-2.50
East Baton Rouge	7.9	6.0	21.4	18.1	13.9	11.6	1.90	3.30	2.30
East Carroll	4.0	10.1	22.2	16.9	17.8	15.5	-6.10	5.30	2.30
East Feliciana	1.3	8.5	14.8	20.0	8.8	14.8	-7.20	-5.20	-6.00
Evangeline	7.8	6.8	7.0	15.7	7.5	10.3	1.00	-8.70	-2.80
Franklin	13.3	13.4	30.6	25.2	21.3	18.9	-0.10	5.40	2.40
Grant	6.7	12.4	11.2	12.5	7.6	12.4	-5.70	-1.30	-4.80
Iberia	7.4	6.5	9.6	13.1	8.2	9.2	0.90	-3.50	-1.00
Iberville	7.9	4.4	10.5	11.4	9.4	8.5	3.50	-0.90	0.90
Jackson	15.6	7.5	20.7	11.2	17.4	8.8	8.10	9.50	8.60
Jefferson	8.8	8.0	14.4	13.3	10.0	9.2	0.80	1.10	0.80
Jefferson Davis	7.1	8.4	7.2	16.9	7.1	11.0	-1.30	-9.70	-3.90
Lafayette	7.5	5.6	18.1	14.5	10.4	8.4	1.90	3.60	2.00
Lafourche	9.5	6.1	15.2	18.8	10.4	8.7	3.40	-3.60	1.70
LaSalle	4.8	15.6	13.2	6.1	6.1	13.8	-10.80	7.10	-7.70
Lincoln	9.8	9.4	21.7	13.9	14.9	11.5	0.40	7.80	3.40
Livingston	11.0	9.7	16.3	13.9	11.4	10.0	1.30	2.40	1.40
Madison	6.9	6.7	19.7	24.3	16.8	19.8	0.20	-4.60	-3.00
Morehouse	11.9	13.6	13.5	16.3	12.8	15.1	-1.70	-2.80	-2.30
Natchitoches	5.3	6.7	6.4	10.9	5.8	8.9	-1.40	-4.50	-3.10
Orleans	11.6	8.9	16.5	16.3	15.1	14.5	2.70	0.20	0.60
Ouachita	9.5	10.5	16.7	15.5	13.6	12.8	-1.00	1.20	0.80
Plaquemines	8.3	8.8	19.4	7.9	11.3	8.1	-0.50	11.50	3.20
Pointe Coupee	5.3	2.3	14.4	15.5	9.9	9.0	3.00	-1.10	0.90
Rapides	7.7	7.5	16.2	16.7	10.6	11.0	0.20	-0.50	-0.40
Red River	9.3	7.5	18.0	25.4	13.4	15.9	1.80	-7.40	-2.50
Richland	6.5	10.4	18.7	20.3	12.7	15.5	-3.90	-1.60	-2.80
Sabine	12.0	7.7	4.1	12.3	9.8	9.0	4.30	-8.20	0.80
St. Bernard	9.1	6.6	18.9	15.9	9.6	7.4	2.50	3.00	2.20
St. Charles	9.6	6.6	10.7	8.1	9.8	7.0	3.00	2.60	2.80
St. Helena	3.1	3.9	24.0	15.5	14.9	10.3	-0.80	8.50	4.60
St. James	6.9	10.2	11.5	9.9	9.5	10.0	-3.30	1.60	-0.50
St. John	8.0	2.8	14.4	14.0	10.5	7.6	5.20	0.40	2.90
St. Landry	9.3	7.1	14.8	17.2	11.9	12.2	2.20	-0.40	-0.30
St. Martin	6.2	6.7	17.8	12.8	11.1	9.5	-0.50	8.00	1.60
St. Mary	6.0	8.4	17.4	12.8	10.1	9.8	-2.40	4.60	0.30
St. Tammany	9.5	7.1	13.6	17.1	10.1	8.5	2.40	-3.50	1.60
Tangipahoa	8.9	10.4	16.7	15.1	12.2	12.4	-1.50	1.60	-0.20
Tensas	11.9	10.4	13.7	20.2	13.0	16.7	1.50	-6.50	-3.70
Terrebonne	7.5	8.0	18.3	16.8	9.6	9.9	-0.50	1.50	-0.30
Union	9.5	6.5	26.9	11.6	16.4	8.5	3.00	15.30	7.90
Vermillion	6.1	5.8	21.2	22.3	9.0	9.7	0.30	-1.10	-0.70
Vernon	8.3	9.1	13.4	12.8	9.3	9.7	-0.80	0.60	-0.40
Washington	6.8	10.0	13.0	16.7	9.2	12.6	-3.20	-3.70	-3.40
Webster	10.0	5.6	15.2	16.4	12.1	10.4	4.40	-1.20	1.70
West Baton Rouge	9.8	6.8	18.6	10.5	14.0	8.4	3.00	8.10	5.60
West Carroll	10.6	9.8	17.5	12.8	12.6	10.6	0.80	4.70	2.00
West Feliciana	11.0	5.8	13.9	12.0	12.4	8.9	5.20	1.90	3.50
Winn	9.2	8.3	14.0	4.5	10.6	6.9	0.90	9.50	3.70
State	8.5	7.7	18.4	15.5	11.6	10.9	0.80	2.90	0.70



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Adequate Prenatal Care By Race and Parish: 1991 : 1993

- = worsening conditions + = improving conditions

Parish	1991 white	1993 white	1991 black	1993 black	1991 total	1993 total	% change white	% change black	% change total
Acadia	75.7	71.9	51.3	48.8	69.0	65.7	-3.9	-2.5	-3.3
Allen	68.3	68.8	34.4	47.7	59.4	63.0	0.5	13.3	3.6
Ascension	82.2	83.3	48.6	58.7	71.9	76.3	1.1	10.0	4.4
Assumption	80.1	76.4	61.3	75.3	71.2	75.7	-3.7	14.0	4.5
Avoyelles	77.0	67.6	46.9	41.4	64.7	57.1	-9.5	-5.5	-7.6
Beauregard	61.9	63.1	40.7	33.3	58.6	58.5	1.2	-7.3	-0.1
Bienville	60.4	75.5	37.8	39.5	47.6	57.0	15.1	1.7	9.4
Bossier	81.3	85.8	43.2	58.8	70.1	77.2	4.4	15.6	7.1
Caddo	78.2	84.1	42.4	56.4	58.7	69.1	5.9	14.0	10.4
Calcasieu	79.0	81.3	55.4	65.6	72.0	76.3	2.3	10.2	4.3
Caldwell	85.2	74.5	73.0	59.1	82.2	71.6	-10.7	-13.9	-10.7
Cameron	75.8	83.9	42.9	16.7	74.6	79.8	8.0	-26.2	5.2
Catahoula	73.4	82.6	54.8	59.3	65.3	73.5	9.2	4.6	8.2
Claiborne	66.7	78.1	29.3	19.7	41.8	53.4	11.4	10.3	11.6
Concordia	77.8	78.8	48.5	56.7	61.9	67.1	1.0	8.2	5.2
DeSoto	73.1	80.9	45.6	59.7	58.7	68.2	7.8	14.1	9.5
East Baton Rouge	87.4	87.7	51.2	55.2	69.9	72.0	0.2	3.9	2.1
East Carroll	82.9	87.8	60.1	48.5	63.6	57.2	4.9	-11.6	-6.4
East Feliciana	73.9	78.7	48.2	50.0	59.9	63.7	4.8	1.8	3.7
Evangeliste	76.1	76.4	50.8	47.8	65.8	65.1	0.3	-3.0	-0.6
Franklin	81.9	77.6	59.3	54.7	71.5	66.2	-4.3	-4.6	-5.3
Grant	73.1	68.5	38.0	35.7	65.9	63.0	-4.6	-2.3	-2.9
Iberia	85.2	76.3	61.9	51.2	75.6	64.6	-8.9	-10.8	-10.9
Iberville	81.1	85.8	51.0	54.2	63.3	67.9	4.8	3.2	4.5
Jackson	56.8	55.3	48.5	31.3	53.7	47.2	-1.5	-17.2	-6.5
Jefferson	83.3	85.3	59.9	62.5	76.1	77.9	2.0	2.7	1.9
Jefferson Davis	70.7	65.9	38.8	37.0	63.2	59.5	-4.9	-1.7	-3.7
Lafayette	87.4	85.6	66.0	58.1	81.0	76.2	-1.8	-7.9	-4.8
Lafourche	76.5	75.6	60.4	71.4	73.0	74.6	-1.0	11.0	1.6
LaSalle	78.3	70.0	31.6	51.5	67.4	66.8	-8.3	19.9	-0.6
Lincoln	65.5	57.1	38.0	30.5	52.7	44.0	-8.4	-7.5	-8.8
Livingston	79.8	85.2	47.6	61.5	77.1	83.3	5.4	13.9	6.2
Madison	86.4	66.2	63.3	47.2	69.3	52.1	-20.3	-16.1	-17.2
Morehouse	66.5	57.8	52.2	49.8	58.4	53.2	-8.7	-2.4	-5.2
Natchitoches	71.6	72.2	51.5	52.8	61.7	61.4	0.6	1.2	-0.3
Orleans	83.4	85.3	53.5	60.8	59.4	64.9	1.9	7.4	5.6
Ouachita	86.4	81.4	54.4	48.6	71.1	66.3	-5.0	-5.8	-4.8
Plaquemines	78.6	82.2	62.1	59.5	72.7	75.4	3.6	-2.7	2.7
Pointe Coupee	82.4	82.3	44.4	54.2	61.2	68.2	-0.1	9.7	7.1
Rapides	76.2	75.0	48.6	45.3	65.9	62.7	-1.2	-3.3	-3.2
Red River	70.5	86.1	39.7	55.2	57.3	71.2	15.7	15.5	13.9
Richland	84.4	83.2	50.0	59.2	67.7	70.3	-1.2	9.2	2.6
Sabine	59.8	71.2	33.0	53.0	51.6	66.2	11.3	20.0	14.6
St. Bernard	82.9	85.1	50.6	52.0	79.8	82.0	2.2	1.5	2.2
St. Charles	87.2	84.2	57.1	65.7	76.8	78.0	-3.0	8.5	1.2
St. Helena	80.0	89.1	63.4	74.5	70.1	81.7	9.1	11.1	11.7
St. James	75.2	75.7	55.9	54.6	63.6	63.0	0.5	-1.2	-0.6
St. John	78.5	77.5	51.4	49.8	68.0	64.9	-1.0	-1.5	-3.1
St. Landry	73.6	66.4	51.5	42.8	62.3	54.5	-7.2	-8.8	-7.8
St. Martin	81.9	78.5	65.6	52.6	74.8	65.9	-3.4	-13.0	-8.9
St. Mary	81.4	82.7	70.6	64.0	77.7	75.1	-0.7	-6.5	-2.6
St. Tammany	83.5	88.1	63.9	65.9	80.6	84.5	4.6	2.0	3.9
Tangipahoa	78.3	86.3	56.5	69.1	68.4	79.2	7.9	12.6	10.7
Tensas	84.2	83.8	53.8	62.3	65.0	71.1	-0.4	8.4	6.1
Terrebonne	76.5	72.5	66.1	67.2	73.2	70.2	-4.0	1.2	-3.0
Union	73.9	67.9	46.8	40.0	64.3	56.2	-6.0	-6.8	-8.1
Vermillion	80.8	76.2	62.0	57.7	74.8	71.6	-4.6	-4.3	-3.2
Vernon	71.8	69.4	66.1	65.6	70.3	68.6	-2.5	-0.5	-1.7
Washington	62.6	71.7	27.7	33.0	49.2	57.4	9.2	5.3	8.2
Webster	76.0	83.7	42.9	58.2	60.6	72.5	7.7	15.3	11.9
West Baton Rouge	76.3	82.7	54.8	58.0	66.6	71.7	6.4	3.2	5.1
West Carroll	67.2	63.0	54.0	50.0	63.6	59.9	-4.1	-4.0	-3.8
West Feliciana	83.1	84.5	44.1	49.2	63.4	68.2	1.4	5.1	4.7
Winn	49.3	54.1	44.2	34.6	47.3	47.5	4.8	-7.6	0.1
State	79.9	80.6	52.9	54.7	68.4	70.1	0.6	3.8	1.7

Live Births

Parish	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Acadia	1,035	1,036	982	962	918
Allen	329	372	360	322	337
Ascension	1,002	1,001	1,094	1,044	1,123
Assumption	390	330	351	379	349
Avoyelles	596	595	629	616	565
Beauregard	534	539	527	547	555
Bienville	249	251	254	232	222
Bossier	1,527	1,468	1,437	1,369	1,347
Caddo	4,452	4,364	4,116	4,114	3,699
Calcasieu	2,783	2,726	2,782	2,765	2,812
Caldwell	136	135	152	156	118
Cameron	140	135	130	112	100
Catahoula	185	160	193	171	151
Clalborne	244	219	251	229	206
Concordia	348	327	315	287	312
DeSoto	433	418	431	404	435
East Baton Rouge	6,461	6,616	6,585	6,631	6,525
East Carroll	200	201	228	176	225
East Feliciana	315	318	302	315	302
Evangeline	557	597	619	575	569
Franklin	344	361	361	341	288
Grant	288	223	252	266	264
Iberia	1,267	1,255	1,245	1,251	1,258
Iberville	535	567	589	564	567
Jackson	224	215	188	201	200
Jefferson	7,280	7,254	7,183	6,865	6,815
Jefferson Davis	519	503	544	502	489
Lafayette	2,949	2,851	2,913	2,907	2,924
Lafourche	1,485	1,420	1,448	1,339	1,348
LaSalle	159	197	184	195	209
Lincoln	549	514	548	547	546
Livingston	1,149	1,129	1,210	1,201	1,216
Madison	203	219	228	243	269
Morehouse	529	549	522	533	520
Natchitoches	587	568	533	559	569
Orleans	9,348	9,281	9,243	9,013	9,114
Ouachita	2,357	2,424	2,386	2,418	2,328
Plaquemines	471	446	429	470	402
Pointe Coupee	331	359	358	353	371
Rapides	2,153	2,047	2,201	2,042	1,947
Red River	132	172	157	155	139
Richland	348	398	365	366	327
Sabine	347	341	347	342	294
St. Bernard	1,039	1,020	948	950	940
St. Charles	810	791	773	748	733
St. Helena	127	106	137	106	105
St. James	377	390	371	376	384
St. John	762	830	738	729	745
St. Landry	1,435	1,376	1,466	1,455	1,326
St. Martin	797	764	747	775	795
St. Mary	1,152	1,016	1,095	1,053	988
St. Tammany	2,266	2,354	2,344	2,320	2,366
Tangipahoa	1,570	1,637	1,637	1,617	1,612
Tensas	133	110	103	102	90
Terrebonne	1,862	1,863	1,753	1,764	1,740
Union	311	308	314	296	292
Vermillion	803	792	809	777	740
Vernon	1,509	1,620	1,487	1,295	1,068
Washington	656	617	693	628	663
Webster	622	584	599	522	568
West Baton Rouge	379	346	347	346	374
West Carroll	180	141	187	172	168
West Feliciana	136	107	134	163	136
Winn	243	248	226	229	221
State	181,639	212,121	212,080	207,502	209,328



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Population

1994 Estimates of total population by parish.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Branch.

1992 Estimates of population by age, sex, and race/Hispanic origin.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, Produced by the Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville.

Poverty and Income (1990 census)

Poverty

The poverty figures in this book reflect individuals and families who fall below the federal poverty threshold. The poverty threshold is the annual income level which is three times the estimate of what a family spends on food in a year. The poverty threshold is adjusted for family size and revised annually to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. The poverty threshold for a family of four persons was \$12,674 at the time these figures were calculated. Poverty thresholds were applied on a national basis and were not adjusted for regional, state, or local variations in the cost of living.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, 1990.

Median Family Income 1994 estimated income value at which an equal number of families fall above and below.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census.

Children Receiving AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is a cash assistance program that states administer under federal supervision for families with children who meet specific eligibility requirements. The benefit amount is determined by the number of family members and the family's countable income. For example, a family of three with no countable income will receive a grant of \$190 per month in an urban area; \$174 per month in a non-urban area. A family of three with countable income in excess of these amounts would be ineligible for AFDC benefits. The figures in this book reflect the average number of children receiving AFDC benefits each month in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Food Stamps

The Food Stamp program is a federal public assistance program which provides food coupons that are exchanged for food. Households in Louisiana with gross income below 130% of the poverty level and net income below 100% of the poverty level may be eligible for Food Stamps. For example, the maximum net income for a family of three is \$1027 per month. The figures

in this book reflect the number of children receiving Food Stamps in the month of September 1995, as well as the average monthly coupon amount and household size in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Medicaid

Medicaid is a program jointly funded by state and federal governments to provide medical coverage for poor women and children. Pregnant women and children under the age of six whose family incomes are less than 133% of the federal poverty level and children between the ages of 6 and 8 whose family income is less than 100% of the federal poverty level and older children who are either categorically or medically needy are eligible for Medicaid. Individuals receiving AFDC automatically qualify for Medicaid. The figure in this book reflects the number of children receiving Medicaid in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

WIC Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federal food program which provides supplemental foods, nutritional screening and nutrition counseling to eligible low income pregnant women, new or nursing mothers, and children under 5 who are at "nutritional risk." Eligibility is set by the federal government at 185% of the poverty level. WIC is not an entitlement program. The data contained in this book include the average number of infants and children participating in the WIC program between the months of October 1994 and August 1995.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Child Care Assistance

The number of children receiving child care subsidies through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant and Title IV-A At-Risk child care programs during the month of September 1995.

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

The number of children who have been found eligible to receive Child Care Assistance and are waiting for funds to become available as of September 1995. Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Child Care Assistance Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Earned Income Tax Credit (# of families, 1994)

The number of families who received the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

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based on completed 1994 income tax returns. The EITC is a refundable income tax credit for families who work at low and moderately low wages. The maximum income level for EITC eligibility in 1994 was \$25,296. Source: Internal Revenue Service, New Orleans District, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Maternal and Child Health

Live Births

The total number of live births to women in Louisiana.

Percent Births to Teens

Live births to women ages 19 and under as a percent of all live births to women of the same race.

Percent Low Birthweight Babies

Live births under 2500 grams (5.5 pounds) as a percent of all live births to women of the same race.

Percent Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Percentage based on modified Kessner Index. In general, care must begin in the first trimester of pregnancy, with a minimum number of doctor visits during each period of gestation in order to be considered "adequate."

Infant Mortality Rate

The average number of deaths per year of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births to mothers of the same race.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Percent Children with up-to-date Immunization

1994 Parish level data based on a review of immunization records of a stratified random sample of children immunized in public health clinics. Children were considered up-to-date if by age 24 months they had received the following immunizations: 4 DTPs (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), 3 polios, and 1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Immunization Program, New Orleans, Louisiana.

% Children without Health Insurance

An estimated percentage of children under age 18 not covered by public or private health insurance in 1993.

Source: March, 1994 Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Child Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of children between the ages of 1-14 years from all causes per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Teen Violent Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to violence (including accidents, homicides and suicides) per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Teen Suicide Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to suicide per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Teen Accident Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to accidents per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Teen Homicide Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to homicide and legal intervention per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Children in Trouble

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System, fiscal year 1995
(July 1, 1994-June 30, 1995).

This includes children in custody (in secure and non-secure placements); children under supervision (including Informal Adjustment Agreements); cases that were referred to the Office of Youth Development but diverted from court, and cases still pending court action. Number served represents the number of active cases on 7/1/94 plus all those entering the system during fiscal year 1995. On any given day during the year, there are approximately 8,500 children in the care of the Office of Youth Development. The state total presented in this book is greater than the sum of children in custody in each parish because the state total includes cases which don't have a parish of commitment.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Youth Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (no. of children)

The number of children who have been abused or neglected as determined by the state's office of Child Protective Services in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th). Parishes with an asterisk (*) do not have parish-specific data available. Valid cases of abuse and neglect in these parishes are reflected in the figures for other parishes of the same region as follows:

Assumption	reflected in	Lafourche data
Bienville	"	Webster data
Caldwell	"	Ouachita data
Cameron	"	Calcasieu data
Claiborne	"	Webster data
Jackson	"	Lincoln data
LaSalle	"	Catahoula data
Red River	"	Natchitoches data
St. Charles	"	St. John data
St. Helena	"	Tangipahoa data
St. James	"	St. John data
Tensas	"	Madison
West Baton Rouge	"	Iberville data
West Feliciana	"	East Feliciana data

Children in Foster Care

The number of children who are the responsibility of the state in out-of-home placements during the month of June in the given year.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Information Management Unit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Public Education

Registration

The total number of public school students on the first day of the 1993-1994 school year, including pre-kindergarten students.

Per Pupil Expenditures

The expenditures per student in average daily membership in 1993-1994. Current expenditures include only instruction and support services and do

not include adult education expenses.

Teacher Salary (average)

The average salary paid to full-time public school teachers in 1993-94.

Dropouts 1993-94

Number of students in grades 7-12 who were enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, had not graduated from high school or completed an approved education program, and do not meet any of the following exclusive conditions: transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness or death. Special education students are excluded from the count if they attend no regular education classes.

Source: 145th Annual Financial and Statistical Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Research and Development, Bureau of School Accountability, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Child Support

Total Number of Cases

A Child Support Enforcement case is defined as every absent parent who is now or may eventually be obligated under law for the support of one or more dependent children. The number in this book includes collection cases (cases in which an obligation for support has been established) and intake cases (cases in which an obligation has not yet been established).

Percent Cases with Collection

The percent of cases in which an obligation for support has been established. An obligation is the legal establishment of an amount of money which is to be paid on a regular basis by a non-custodial parent for the support of that parent's children.

Amount Owed

The actual dollar amount owed for all collection cases in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Amount Paid

The dollar amount paid on all collection cases in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Office of Child Support Enforcement Services, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A word about data...

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available on child well-being at the state and parish level. However, there are limitations to these data. Some of the data, including census data on poverty, and uninsured children, are based on samples of the population and as such are subject to sampling variability. For other indicators, such as child support, parish level data were unavailable. For some health indicators, such as child death and teen violent death rates, data could not be presented on the parish level because the numbers were too small to calculate a meaningful rate.

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